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The "Paris Soir" commented yesterday on the German blockade announcement as follows: It is remarkable that in the middle of a decisive battle Berlin suddenly speaks of reinforcing the blockade, as though it were necessary to envisage a lengthy war." — Reuter.

INDO-CHINA BREAKDOWN DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") REPORTS THAT THE FRANCO-JAPANESE ECONOMIC CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN DISRUPTED ARE ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. IT WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

Rumours of tension between France and Japan, it was added, are false.

The conversations, which started some weeks ago on Japan's initiative, are going on normally and the last French Note to Japan on the subject reached Tokyo only at the end of last week. — Havas.

SPY SCARE TWO-EDGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CRITICISM OF THE TENDENCY OF JAPANESE TO AVOID FOREIGN RESIDENTS AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT ESPIONAGE SENSATION WAS PRINTED IN THE "MIYAKO" AND THE INFLUENTIAL "JAPAN TIMES" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The latter newspaper stated Japanese should not hold aloof from foreign residents since tourists would stay away if avoided or treated with suspicion.

"Yokohama and Kobe can present many cases of foreigners who to all intents and purposes are Japanese businessmen. They have their roots deep in this country." — Havas.

RIGID CONTROL OF SUPPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

With the adoption of trade rules which will be applied to Japan, Manchukuo and China as a single economic unit, the Manchukuo Finance Ministry has decided to form control unions for all classes of goods. Among the unions thus created will be those for soy sauce, soft drinks, footwear, cosmetics, musical instruments and readymade. When the new unions are established, almost all imports from Japan will be under control. — Havas.

NAZI BOMBERS FIGHT SHY OF MASS RAIDS

GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON ENGLAND CONTINUED YESTERDAY BUT THE RAIDERS ON THIS OCCASION APPEARED IN ONLY SMALL NUMBERS OR SINGLY; AT 4.30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IT WAS DEFINITELY KNOWN THAT SEVEN ENEMY PLANES HAD BEEN DOWNED BY OUR FIGHTERS, BUT AN ESTIMATE LATER IN THE EVENING INCREASED THE FIGURE TO 11.

The raiders concentrated on the North-East, South-East and Midlands; the objectives in some cases were R.A.F. aerodromes but civilian casualties were reported in several districts.

Among German losses in yesterday's raids were three Dornier 17's brought down by Spitfires five miles inland on the north-east coast.

The crew of one, which fell with a wing off, escaped by parachute and were taken prisoner.

When a Junkers 88 crashed near a south-eastern town a British fighter pilot who had attacked the enemy, landed to see what had happened to his victims. All five occupants were dead.

Cottages Wrecked

A solitary raider who dived from the clouds on a south-eastern town, dropped heavy calibre bombs which reduced eight of a row of working class cottages to debris.

It is feared a number of lives were lost.

The Air Ministry announced Up to 4.30 p.m. seven enemy aircraft have been destroyed by our fighters.

Another communique said: Enemy activity over the country has consisted of a series of attacks by aircraft operating singly or in small numbers.

Far Inland

There have been many such attacks some of which were delivered far inland.

In some cases it is evident the enemy's objective was R.A.F. aerodromes but though damage was done to living quarters at one of these, most of the attacks were otherwise abortive.

Towns in south and east England and in the Midlands were bombed, damage being done to houses in several places. The number of casualties was small though some were fatal.

In one residential area a short attack was made on the inhabitants by machine-gun fire.

Two Bomb: Two Downed

Two enemy aircraft which bombed a town in Lincolnshire were both shot down, their bombs having caused little damage and no casualties.

Two of our fighters were lost during the operations but the pilot of one is safe.

Latest estimate of enemy losses is 11. — Reuter.

Main Burst

When a solitary raider visited a south-east coast town a bomb which fell in the road burst a water main.

The machine twice circled the town, the second time machine-gunning the streets.

Three Hurricanes who shot down a Nazi bomber celebrated their success by doing a "victory roll" in the air.

There were a number of cases

of Nazi airmen baling out over towns.

L.D.V. Capture

A member of the Home Guard leaving home for duty saw a parachute level with the rooftops and seized the German as he landed.

Three airmen descended near a village. Two surrendered to farm workers and a third to a farmer's wife and 14-year-old son who armed himself with his father's rifle.

The airman, who cried "mercy," was given tea and his wounds dressed before being handed over to the authorities. — Reuter.

PARALLELISM OF POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain's readiness to lease to the United States naval bases for 99 years is a clear indication that any conflict between the U.S.A. and Britain is impossible for at least a century, Washington observers stated yesterday, commenting favourably on the Roosevelt-Mackenzie King conversations and Mr. Churchill's speech. The complete parallelism of British and United States foreign policy has been achieved. — Havas.

THE AIR BATTLE OF FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

During the Battle of France from May 10 to June 10 the French air force lost 306 planes, an Air Ministry communique in Vichy stated yesterday. The crews totalled 589 of whom 280 were officers. The last figure shows that 29 per cent of French air force officers became casualties. During the same period, it is claimed, the French air force brought down 982 enemy planes. — Havas.

FRENCH ENVOY TO BROADCAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French Ambassador, M. Henry Cosme, will speak over the radio to Frenchmen in China on Saturday at 9 p.m. Shanghai daylight saving time over Station FZ (214 metres or 1400 kilocycles). — Havas.

GIGANTIC EXPLOSION NEAR MARSEILLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Over 1,000 railway cars and several engines were destroyed by explosions which shook the little station of Miramas, near Marseilles, it was revealed in Vichy yesterday.

The explosions, which occurred a week ago, resulted from a fire in a car containing gunpowder and dynamite. Loss of life was small. — Havas.

TYPHOON BRINGS HEAVY RAIN

A total of 2.34 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending 10 o'clock this morning, bringing the year's total to 103.02, or 39.59 inches above normal.

The typhoon is now situated in the vicinity of Hainan Straits and is moving westward.

Weak anticyclonic areas cover Manchuria and the Pacific to the east of Japan.

The following hourly rainfall figures were recorded at the Observatory to-day:—

11 a.m.: 0.065 inches.
Noon: 0.010 inches.
1 p.m.: 0.160 inches.
2 p.m.: 0.705 inches.

Total rainfall from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m., inclusive, was, therefore, 0.94 inches.

YELLOW RIVER IN FLOOD

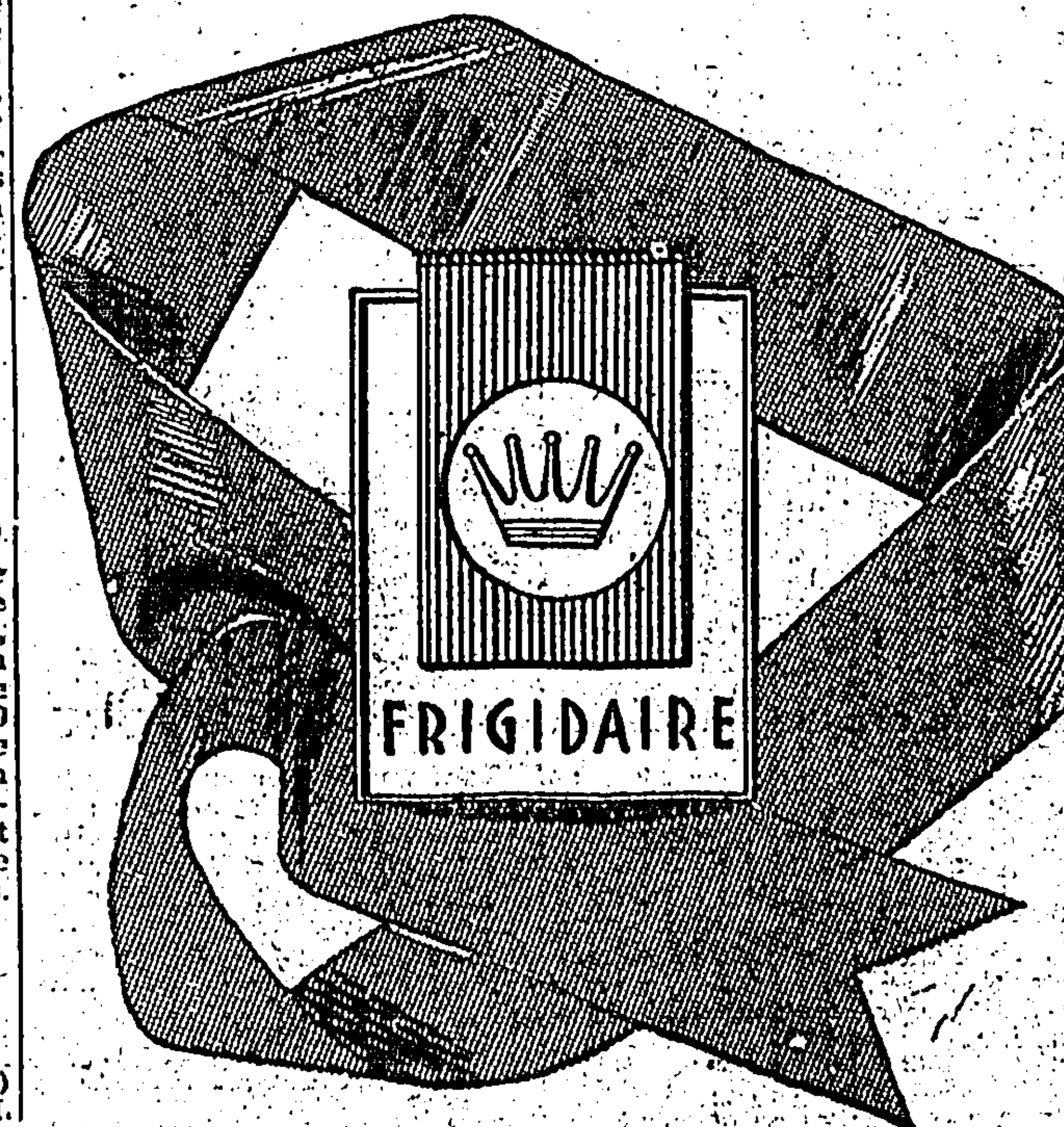
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FOLLOWING HEAVY RAINFALLS THE YELLOW RIVER HAS AGAIN FLOODED ITS BANKS AND INUNDATED MANY DISTRICTS IN HONAN PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM HONAN RECEIVED IN PEIPING YESTERDAY.

Dykes at Chingshuichen broke along a stretch of 400 metres and the flood waters are now rushing on Chengchow. The latter city is in a state of confusion and panic over the prospect of impending flood.

Heavy damage and many casualties are reported from Kaifeng. According to Peiping reports the floods proved more disastrous. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, strong, moderating; cloudy with rain, probably improving later.



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SQUADRON LEADER'S FIRST-HAND STORY OF RAIDS ON REICH

FIRST-HAND COMMENTS ON R.A.F. BOMBING FLIGHTS INTO GERMANY WERE GIVEN IN LONDON YESTERDAY BY SQUADRON-LEADER P. R. BEARE, RECENTLY AWARDED THE D.F.C.

He said the marshalling yard at Hamm, which is so often mentioned in Air Ministry communiques, is a tremendous target which accounts for the frequent British raids on the Ruhr, which is bristling with targets.

Beare considers the German black-outs good and the searchlight and anti-aircraft opposition accurate, but the opposition of the German fighter at night is nothing to worry about.

British machines are so good and strong that they can come home with holes in them from particularly accurate anti-aircraft fire.

The Squadron-Leader, referring to the attacks on factories at Milan and Turin, considered Italian opposition poor.

Meanwhile no British bombing operations were carried out over Germany on Monday night, an Air Ministry communique stated yesterday, owing to adverse weather conditions.

Destroyer Damaged

The communique added that daylight attacks were carried out on Tuesday and Wednesday on aerodromes in enemy-occupied territory.

Attacks were also made on Tuesday by aircraft of the Coastal Command on two enemy destroyers in the North Sea, one of which was damaged.

We suffered no losses in these operations. — Reuter.

HEARTENING EXPERIENCE

"COME THE THREE CORNERS OF THE WORLD IN ARMS AND WE SHALL SHOCK THEM!" PARAPHRASED SIR JOHN ANDERSON, MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY, IN A LONDON SPEECH YESTERDAY.

He paid high tribute to the quality of the civil defence services and particularly to their behaviour during air raids.

He had had the opportunity of checking this for himself, on the spot in two or three heavily bombed areas. The experience had been most heartening.

"Come the three corners of the world in arms and we shall shock them! That is the spirit of Britain to-day and it will carry us to victory." — Reuter.

RICKSHA COOLIE SENT TO GAOL

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Chan Mei, 32, ricksha coolie, was charged with attempting to steal \$40 from L. J. Vaccino, of U.S.S. Ashville, in Lockhart Road, yesterday.

Vaccino, with a friend, engaged two rickshas in Lockhart Road outside the London Cafe yesterday. Defendant was pulling his friend's ricksha. Suddenly his ricksha was lifted, and defendant's hand was in Vaccino's pocket.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

LOSS OF HANDBAG

Miss W. M. Sutton, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Shell House, has reported the theft of a handbag and contents from her office yesterday.

ADVANCE IN DESIGN OF BREN GUN

TWO INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT THE FAMOUS BREN MACHINE-GUN APPEARED IN THE NEWS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, said that changes in its design were recently made and it is believed that these will increase output by 20 per cent.

The Minister of Finance in the new Czechoslovak Government, who was the first man to make Bren guns and who, before the Germans occupied his country, was Director-General of the Brno Arms Factory and Vice-President of the Skoda Armaments enterprise, said yesterday that the Bren guns now being made in Britain are better than those made in his own factory.

When he left Czechoslovakia he brought with him 100 technical experts who are now giving British ordnance factories the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

Britain's armament drive, he said, is now approaching the point where it will be decisive. It has made amazing strides in quantity and quality since the war began — particularly since the Churchill Government came into office. — Reuter.

Other Improvements

Modifications in the design or finish of firearms from miniature rifles to heavy artillery have played an important part in the recent increase in British production.

The Ministry of Supply emphasises that the efficiency of weapons has in no way diminished; but the result of alterations has been to reduce the number of man hours required to produce a weapon or its components by as much as from ten to fifty per cent in different cases. One example of the result of these modifications is the output of Bren guns which will be increased by some twenty per cent for a given number of man hours. — British Wireless.

MUSCAT'S GIFT FOR WAR EFFORT

The small community of British subjects at Muscat, all of them Arabs, have as a result of a meeting for the War Purposes Fund, contributed £787 which is being handed to the British Government for such purposes as they think fit. — British Wireless.

SHIUKWAN RAID

More than 30 civilians were killed and 40 others maimed during an air raid staged over Shiukwan by 12 Japanese aircraft on August 20. Evacuation of civilians from the town is proceeding. — Central News.

TIENTSIN AGREEMENT WORKING

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons.) enquired respecting the operation of the agreements respecting police and silver and currency at Tientsin of June 19.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the consul-general at Tientsin reports the police agreement as working smoothly.

The provisions of the silver and currency agreement were being duly observed.

As regards the silver, arrangements had been made for the sale of an amount approximately equivalent to £100,000 and the proceeds would be expended on famine relief in North China.

The rest of the silver remained under seal in the vaults of the Chinese banks where it had been hitherto stored.

Press Attacks

Mr. Hannah asked what results had accrued from representations made to the Japanese Government about the failure of the local authorities to suppress anti-British manifestations in Japanese-occupied areas.

Mr. Butler: Anti-British manifestations at the present time are confined almost entirely to press attacks. — Reuter.

BLOCKADE ISSUE

A NEW YORK MESSAGE STATES THAT MR. JAN MASARYK, THE FORMER CZECH LEADER, HAS URGED THAT THE BRITISH BLOCKADE BE STERNLY CONTINUED DESPITE THE SUFFERING IT MAY CAUSE.

"My people are among those who may suffer," he says, "but the British are struggling with their backs to the wall, fighting for the survival of civilisation." — Reuter.

FRENCH OFFICERS PENSIONED OFF

A VICHY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT ALMOST ALL HIGH FRENCH COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE PENSION LIST. THEY INCLUDE 150 GENERALS, AMONG THEM GENERALS BLANCHARD AND PRIoux, WHO COMMANDED THE RETREAT TO DUNKIRK.

A Vichy statement says that this step has been taken in conformity with the armistice terms. — Reuter.

MORE MONEY FOR SPITFIRES

The Gold Coast "Spitfire" Fund has reached a total of £30,000 and the fifth instalment of £5,000 has been received by the British Government.

Tanganyika has sent another contribution of £7,500.

A gift of £11,000 has been received, and gratefully acknowledged, by Lord Beaverbrook from the Bombay War Gifts Committee for the purchase of Spitfires. — Reuter.

TROTSKY'S SLIM CHANCE OF RECOVERY

The condition of Leon Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik leader, was reported in Mexico City last evening to be still critical after a trepanning operation.

Doctors estimate the chances of recovery are one in ten.

Trotsky was attacked by Jacques Dresch, a French journalist whom he had regarded as a friend, and received deep wounds all over the body. — Reuter.

COMPULSORY A.R.P. MOVE

Compulsory A.R.P. service by civilians was agreed to by Wednesday (Staffs) Town Council.

The chairman of the Emergency Committee stated his intention of convening a meeting of South Staffordshire authorities so that they could take joint action.

GREAT AND GREATER TAXATION

Moving the second reading of the Finance Bill in the House of Lords yesterday, the Lord Chancellor said taxation in Britain in a full year had been raised since war began from £888 million to £1,500 millions.

This was an increase of nearly 75 per cent in a single year, and represented a tremendous burden and a colossal effort.

It was not for him to anticipate the future of their war finances but it was evident that just as great and greater sums would be needed, so great and greater sums must be found.

The British taxpayer was surmounting his obstacles with the greatest courage, determination and goodwill.

"We may take real pride in the fact there has never been a moment when burdens have been more willingly accepted by the whole population."

Referring to the Purchase Tax, he said if it were firmly and remorselessly applied it would produce considerable revenue. — Reuter.

HOW BRITAIN CALCULATES NAZI AIR LOSSES

SIR ARCHIBALD Sinclair, the Air Minister, asked in the House of Commons yesterday to state the methods used for checking and verifying figures, in view of the wide disparity between British and German accounts of losses in air battles, replied that casualties caused to enemy aircraft were classified under three main heads:

These were:—certainly destroyed, probably destroyed, if it was seen to hit the ground or break up in the air or descend in flames.

An enemy aircraft was classified as probably destroyed if it was seen to break off combat in circumstances which lead to the conclusion it must become a loss.

The third category included cases in which enemy aircraft have been considerably damaged; for example, the undercarriage dropped, engine stopping or parts of the aircraft shot away.

Returning from combat, R.A.F. pilots were interrogated by the station intelligence officer.

When reports from all had been received, the intelligence officer interrogated them again in a case where any doubt existed.

Only First Category

The numbers of enemy aircraft in each of the three categories were transmitted by each squadron to its group headquarters and to Fighter Command headquarters and then to the Air Ministry.

"Only enemy aircraft in the first category are included in the official communiques."

"There is a strict instruction to pilots to exercise the utmost discretion when reporting. They are on their honour and the honour of the squadron as well as that of the Air Force."

"It can be asserted with confidence that the reports of our pilots tend to err on the side of understatement. (Cheers)."

"It is known that a number of enemy aircraft in the third category fail to reach home. No credit is taken for losses inflicted on the enemy by those pilots who don't return."

Interesting Fact

"On several occasions during the last fortnight the total enemy aircraft in the second and third categories exceeded that in the first."

701 Shot Down

Since August 8 our aircraft and ground defences have shot down 701 German planes. We lost a total of 192 fighters and bombers, including those participating in raids over Germany.

Figures for pilots and crews are even more remarkable.

Since August 8, the Germans have lost over 1,500 airmen over and around Britain. We have lost 300, including bomber crews. — Reuter.

HOLLAND'S ARMY IN BRITAIN

NETHERLANDS CONSCRIPTS OF BETWEEN 20 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE HAVE LEFT FOR A CAMP OF THE NETHERLANDS LEGION IN BRITAIN. THEY WILL BE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED WITH MODERN WEAPONS. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS BOUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES.

In addition, the Royal Netherlands Navy and the Netherlands Air Force, which are already on active service, are also getting recruits.

Some of the men escaped from the Continent, some of them were already living abroad when the war started.

They were seen off by Prince Bernhard, and as they left the station they sang the Netherlands National Anthem. — Reuter.

SALE OF OIL TO JAPAN

Pertinent Questions In House On Burma Road

Mr. Butler Sees Force Of Point Raised

ASKED WHETHER, in view of the closing of the Burma Road for the supply of war materials to China, it was proposed to cancel the sale of a million barrels of oil to Japan, made in April, 1940, by the British Government to the controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in the Commons yesterday he had nothing to add to the reply given by the Minister for Petroleum on April 23.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal): Could anything be more grossly unfair than to supply Japan with oil to attack China at the same time that China is refused permission to receive it by the Burma road?

Mr. Butler: His Majesty's Government, as announced by the Minister for Petroleum on April 23, has said that it is not their policy to interfere with the commercial activities of this company.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour): Is it not most desirable that the Government should avoid a charge of favouring; in effect to put an oil sanction on the victim of aggression while continuing to supply this most important war requirement to Japan?

Force In The Point!

Mr. Butler: I agree there is force in that point. The Government is always willing to acquit themselves of such a charge. If Mr. Noel-Baker will refer to the answer of the Minister of Petroleum he will see there are certain special considerations involved in this particular transaction.

Mr. Butler added he was ready to put to the Minister of Petroleum the points raised by Mr. Mander and Mr. Noel-Baker.—Reuter.

SIX FOREIGN ARMIES FORMING ON BRITISH SOIL

SIR EDWARD GRIGG, Under-Secretary for War, moving the second reading of the Allied Forces Bill in the Commons yesterday, said the measure would enable foreign governments supporting our cause to play their part.

None of them was to be regarded as merely refugee governments and every one had in some measure means to play its part in the war.

The Government was gladly seeking to give legal sanction to the establishment of no less than six foreign armies on British soil, training under their own flags, commanders and military law.

In principle, these forces would be at all times under the British High Command in its character of the Allied High Command. They would be used as far as possible as operational formations under the command of their own officers within the British Command.

Where necessary, British instructors were being detailed to familiarise the forces with British material and British practice.

Freedom Implicit

The Bill provided the necessary machinery for enforcing various foreign Codes and also dealt with the action our civil authorities were to take in a regard to the arrest of deserters and the holding of foreign servicemen sentenced to imprisonment, also the power of billeting foreign troops.

The House might well be proud to pass the Bill because a new birth of freedom was implicit in it and it represented the inmost aspiration of at least 100,000,000 human beings at present under the Nazi heel.—Reuter.

RED CROSS NEEDS IN CHINA

Mr. T. E. Harvey (Independent) drew attention in the House of Commons yesterday to the acute need in China of further Red Cross supplies and surgical instruments and drugs for the civilian population.

Could arrangements now be made, he asked, for their supply to China via Burma?

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that our Ambassador in Tokyo had approached the Japanese Government about the importance to China of distribution of Red Cross material, and was endeavouring to obtain an early reply.

Medical stores could pass by the Burma road but the difficulty was for petrol to distribute stores in the interior of China.—Reuter.

NAZIS "SCOOP" THE AIR MINISTRY

THE COMPLAINT OF American news agencies of the slowness of British communiques, particularly those relating to air battles, by comparison with those of the enemy, was raised at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, replying, said it must be borne in mind that so far as recent air raids were concerned the German propagandists have had two considerable advantages.

Firstly, previous knowledge when a raid was to take place. Secondly, complete disregard for the truth.

"This enables them to begin sending false accounts of the battle to America before the machines have actually reached this country."

He was arranging, however, in conjunction with the Air Minister and the Home Secretary, to accelerate the despatch of news, and he was glad to say press messages went through more rapidly on the occasion of last Sunday's air raids.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CORFU DEMAND QUESTION

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply in the Commons yesterday, stated the Government were not aware that Italy had addressed a demand to Greece for the cession of Corfu.—Reuter.

ITALY FEELING THE PINCH

There are further indications reaching London which show that Italy's economic position suggests that plans were made to meet the needs of a short war. The position is already serious and there are shortages in industry, particularly in raw materials.

The wheat harvest this year will be around 7,000,000 tons, 1,000,000 tons less than was hoped for. There will be enough to ensure the food position for about nine months.

There is a big shortage in fats, and Italy is now competing with Germany for oil-seeds in the Balkans, where supplies are insufficient.

There is a shortage of meat, which can no longer be obtained in public restaurants.

Coffee is reserved for the use of the army only.

Sugar is rationed, 4½ ounces per head per week.

It is estimated that present supplies of raw materials will not cover more than six months' consumption at the present rate.—Reuter.

CANADA'S GROWING ARMY

CANADA WILL SHORTLY HAVE TWO COMPLETE DIVISIONS AND AUXILIARY TROOPS IN BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO LATEST OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM OTTAWA YESTERDAY.

Two other divisions are now practically complete and will be trained and equipped in Canada.

Two new destroyers are being built in Britain for the Canadian Navy and three merchantmen are being converted to armed cruisers.

Twenty-two schools are now operating under the Common-

wealth air training plan. The strength of the Canadian Air Force is now 1,765 officers, 17,688 airmen and 2,558 civilians.

The Canadian Navy comprises 113 vessels with a personnel of 9,000. In the near future 100 vessels will be added.—Reuter.

FLASH!!!

Joe Louis T.K.O.'s

Godoy In 8th Round

Loser Begg To Continue NEW YORK, June 20.

(UP).—Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, retained his crown to-day against Arturo Godoy, Chilean challenger, when the referee stopped the fight in the 8th round and gave a technical decision to Louis.

The fight was scheduled for 15 rounds. Godoy weighed in at 201½ lbs. and Louis at 199.

Godoy re-established himself as the king's super-killer with his technical knock-out and blood-smearing challenger who felled Louis over 15 rounds in February.

After the referee had stopped the fight Godoy ran to Louis' corner and begged for a chance to continue, but he was escorted back to his own corner by the police.

The referee, Billy Cavanagh, lifted Godoy from the canvas and felled him once in the seventh and twice in the eighth rounds.

Godoy was apparently helpless, and was spouting blood from gashes over his left eye and on his cheek and mouth.

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TO-MORROW **FOX Picture** **Joel McCrea, Nancy Kelly** in **"HE MARRIED HIS WIFE"**

Italians "Knocked Off Their Feet": Threat To Egypt

ALTHOUGH THE evacuation of Somaliland may be a victory for Italian prestige and propaganda, it is not regarded in Cairo as a British defeat.

It actually facilitates the General Staff's immediate task in the Middle East as it supplied reinforcements for more important areas.

Italy's goal in Africa remains Egypt, for without control of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea route, Abyssinia is doomed to slow strangulation.

Last week, when the Italians marshalled a large army on the Egypt-Libyan border, apparently ready to attack, the R.A.F. demonstrated its superiority and the British Navy steamed up the Libyan coast under the muzzles of the coastal batteries and, normally speaking, knocked the Italians off their feet. Nevertheless an invasion is thought to be only a matter of time.

Visit To London

General Wavell, the British G.O.C., has just returned to Egypt after a visit to London, where he conferred with the War Cabinet.

It is understood final decisions were taken and plans arranged for the coming campaign.

Meanwhile Egypt is ready for whatever the future may hold. The people have every confidence in the vast Imperial forces in their midst.

Aden Confident

Though Italian-occupied Berbera is only 180 miles across the Red Sea, the people of Aden are confident that any attempt at invasion by the enemy would fail.

Italian losses sustained in the occupation of Berbera are considered in Aden to be out of all proportion to the value of the port.

No ships of any size can use it, but must lie out to sea, to be served by small boats to and from the harbour.

The monsoon season is now raging, increasing difficulties in using the port.—Reuter.

"Nothing To Report"

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo yesterday said there was nothing to report.—Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST AND THE FINAL VICTORY

General Wavell, commanding Middle East, reviewed the war in a broadcast to the troops from Cairo last night.

He said: "We have had a long period of watching and waiting out here and some of you may have grown weary of it, but I can assure you, the importance of our position here is fully realised and we shall very soon have plenty of work to do and our full share of equipment which is now being produced in great quantities.

"Despite the Italians' local successes on small parts of our long frontier, those at home feel the same confidence in the ultimate success of the British forces in the Middle East as in their own ability to defend the British Isles.

"We are at the crisis of the war—perhaps at the turning point for victory. We have a long and hard road still to tread. We stood alone in 1805 and won freedom back for Europe. We shall do the same again now.

"The Middle East has a great part to play in the final victory. Let us be ready to play that part." —Reuter.

CENSUS IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The fifth national census of Japan, and the first since the China war, will be launched on October 1, said the Tokyo "Asahi" yesterday with the main object of analysing the nation's labour resources. The information will be used to work out detailed plans for a new Japanese industrial structure. Results of the census will be published in March, 1941. —Havas.

WHEAT PRICE IN FRANCE FIXED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Important measures to ensure France's supply of basic foodstuffs were announced yesterday by the Petain Cabinet. The price of wheat is fixed at 214 per 100 kilograms, which will not affect the present price of bread. As compensation the price of other cereals has been fixed at a high rate. —Havas.

NEUTRAL OBSERVER'S OPINIONS

Joseph Levy, Cairo correspondent of the "New York Times," cabled yesterday that the Arabs still scoff at the Italians' arms.

The despatch describes Britain's loss of Somaliland as a relatively minor blow to her prestige in the Middle East.

"It is remarkable that the people of the Middle East, who know little of international affairs, should retain such unshaken faith in the British Fleet.

"What enhances this faith is the Italians' manifestation of their fear of this Fleet.

"The Italians have always boasted of their invincible Mediterranean naval force but since their entry into the war it is noted in Cairo that they have kept their navy safely anchored at its home bases, fearing an encounter with the British Navy in battle.

"British convoys are travelling back and forth in the Mediterranean — another proof of Britain's sea supremacy.

"The loss of prestige is more than counteracted by the remarkable success of Britain in withstanding German air attacks." —Reuter.

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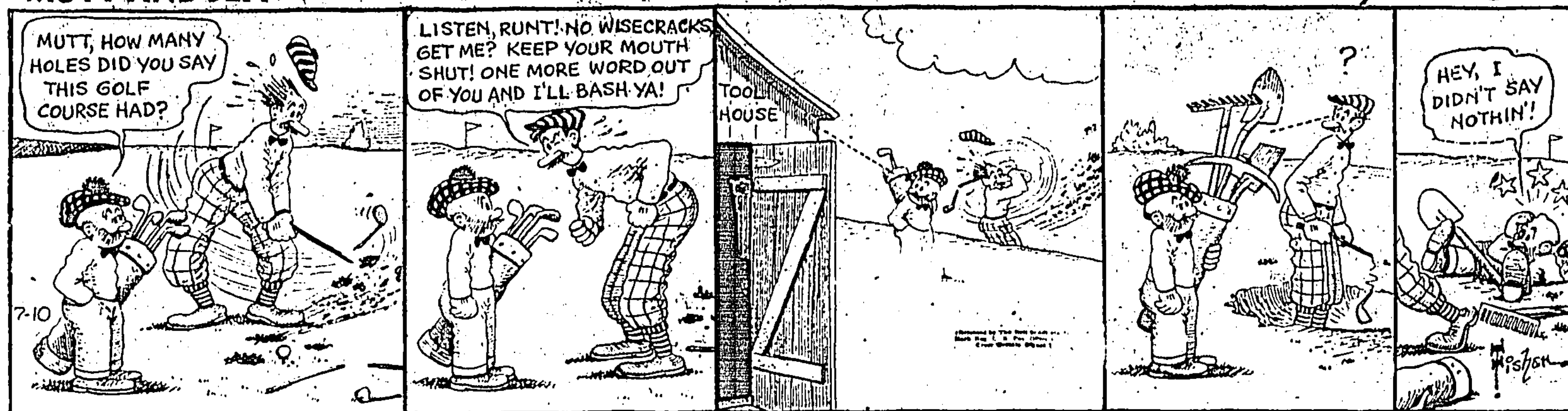
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CORDIAL GIBRALTAR MEETING

So cordial was the atmosphere on the occasion of the official visit of the Governor of Algieras, General Grandes, to Gibraltar yesterday that the vin d'honneur, scheduled to last 40 minutes, was extended to 90 minutes.

The Governor, Sir Clive Liddell, toasted General Franco and General Grandes raised his glass to the King.

The ceremony, which is normal in the case of a newly appointed Governor, assumes particular interest in the present circumstances, and Spaniards near the frontier construe the friendliness of the contact as meaning that General Franco is pursuing a policy of showing he is not being over-borne by Germany's penetration efforts.

A 21-gun salute which was given to General Grandes's warship especially pleased the visitors who are aware that, in war-time, gun salutes are not normally rendered. Sir Clive Liddell will make a return visit to Algieras next week.—Reuter.

ANGLO-POLISH RELATIONS

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in an answer in the Commons said: "There is the closest collaboration between the British and Polish Governments on all matters concerning conduct of the war including questions of foreign policy."

Since September of last year the Polish Government have left us in no doubt they could only regard the violation by the Soviet Union of the Soviet-Polish non-aggression pact as placing them in a state of war with the Soviet Union."

In reply to a supplementary question, Mr. Butler said we had already made it clear we desired to have good relations with the Soviet Government. — British Wireless.

L.C.C. SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CANADA

A party of 400 school children selected from grant aided schools in London, the Home Counties and parts of the West Country, evacuated recently under the children's reception scheme, have arrived at a Canadian port. About 1,350 school children evacuated under the Government scheme, including about 100 from Scotland, have arrived in Canada during the past three days. — British Wireless.

CLOSURE OF MARKETS IN EUROPE

The full effect of the cessation of trade with Italy and with invaded and inaccessible territory was felt for the first time in July.

A substantial fall in both the import and export trade with a large part of Europe was inevitable. On the other hand United Kingdom exports to markets of North and South America, have been increasing throughout the year and last month the value of such exports was the highest so far recorded.

The considerable increase in imports in July compared with the same month last year was mainly in respect of raw materials and wholly or mainly manufactured goods.

Imports of food, drink and tobacco decreased by £2,755,132. The decline in exports of £9,165,781 includes a fall of £441,909 in wholly or mainly manufactured goods. In the raw materials section, where there was a decrease of £2,769,645, coal alone declined by £1,998,574. — British Wireless.

A FASCIST RESERVIST

A police war reservist, attached to Rochester Row police station, has been dismissed from the police force.

The man dismissed was stated to be associated with the British Union.

Six more people, including two women, have been detained for internment, and a number of others have been questioned about their association with organisations whose interests might be considered inimical to the nation's war effort.

Day and night activities by Scotland Yard officers are being maintained to defeat any Fifth Column work.

Ships' papers are minutely examined, and during the past few days there has been a systematic search of warehouses and Thames-side premises for any packages which might contain arms or ammunition.

"UNIONS MUST BE VIGILANT"

Mr. J. Potts, in his presidential address to the annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen at Morecambe, said that it was being argued that labour, by its present cooperation with the Government, was strengthening its own position and might possibly find itself in power.

This might be wishful thinking. They must see that the hard-won rights and privileges of trade unionism were protected.

Where there had been any abrogation of these rights for the purpose of winning the war, there must be an immediate full and free restoration when the war was over.

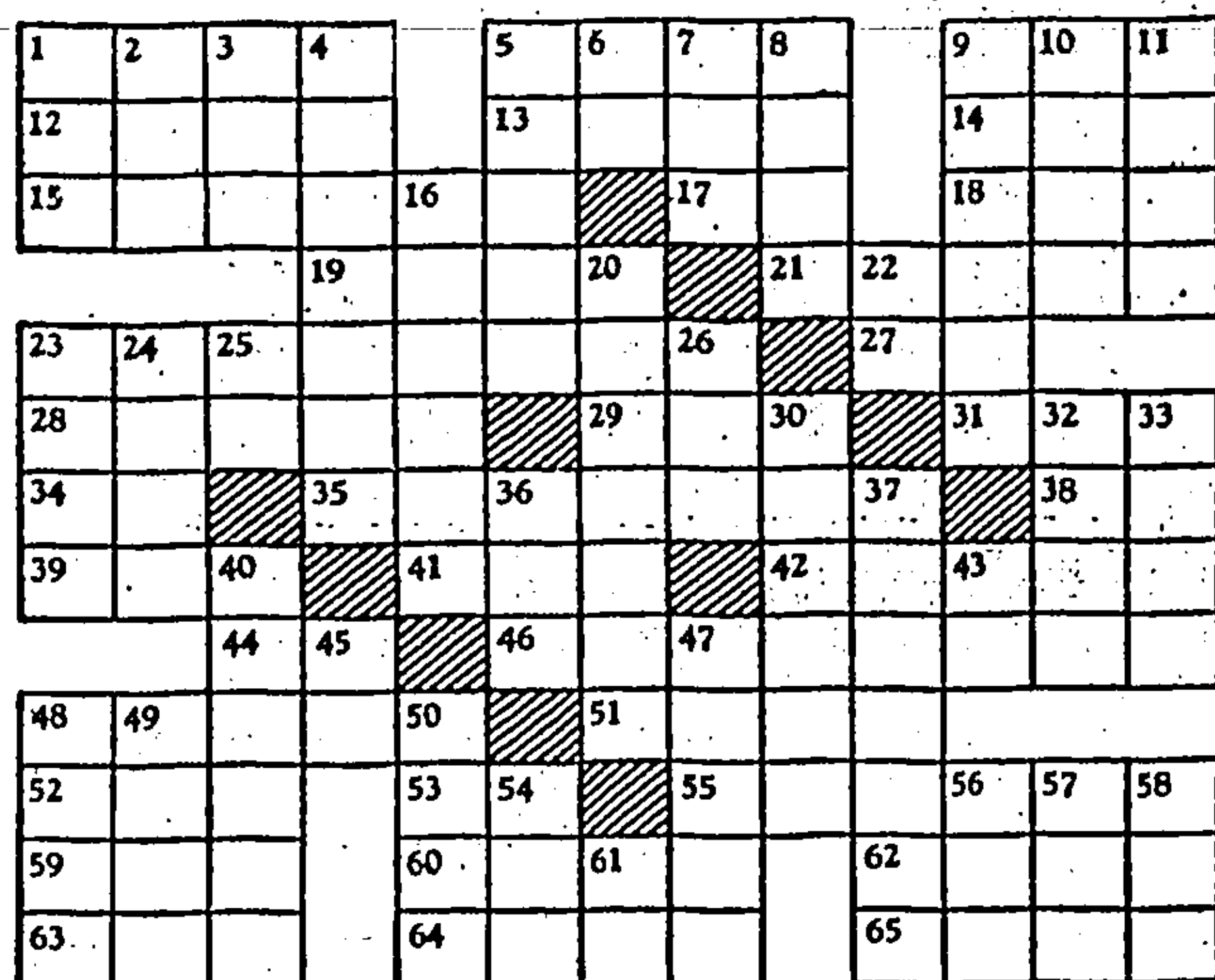
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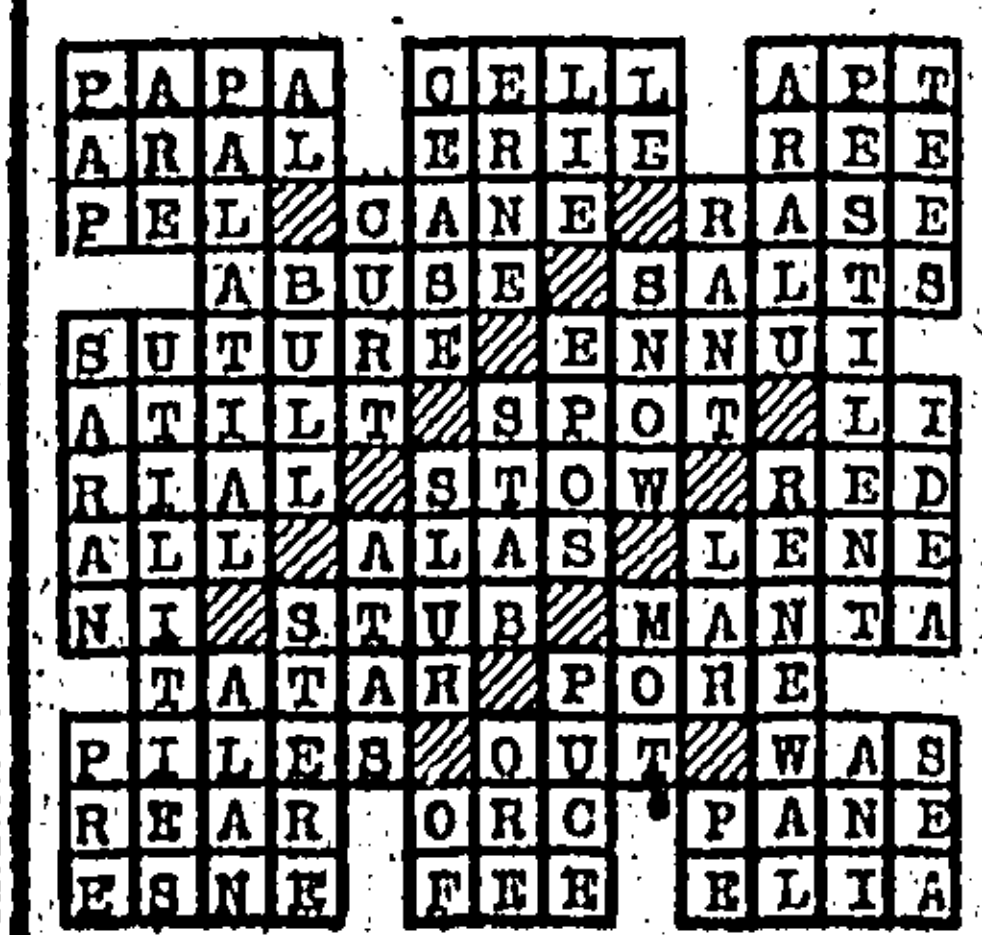
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- 7 Body of water
- 8 Colloquial: impudence
- 9 Decanter

10 Ancient

- 10 Ancient Egyptian alloy
- 11 Small amount
- 16 Harangued
- 20 Divers
- 22 Greeting
- 23 Smooth
- 24 Horse
- 25 Indian mulberry
- 26 Down-hearted
- 30 Musical: a triplet
- 32 Side of a cavity
- 33 Simple
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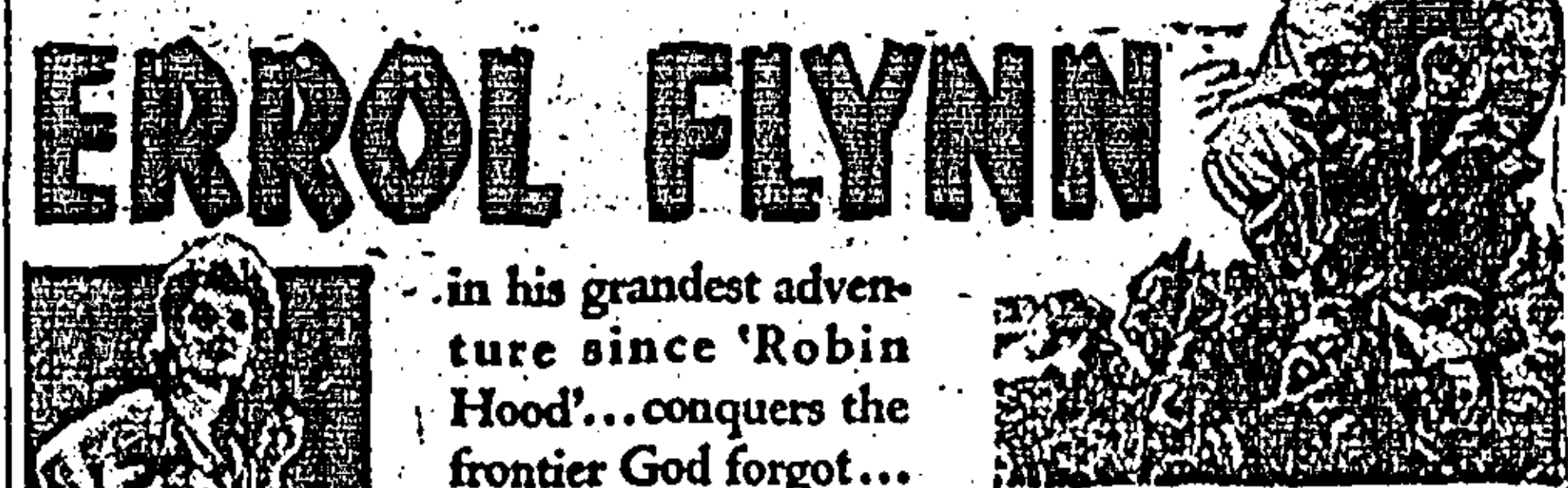
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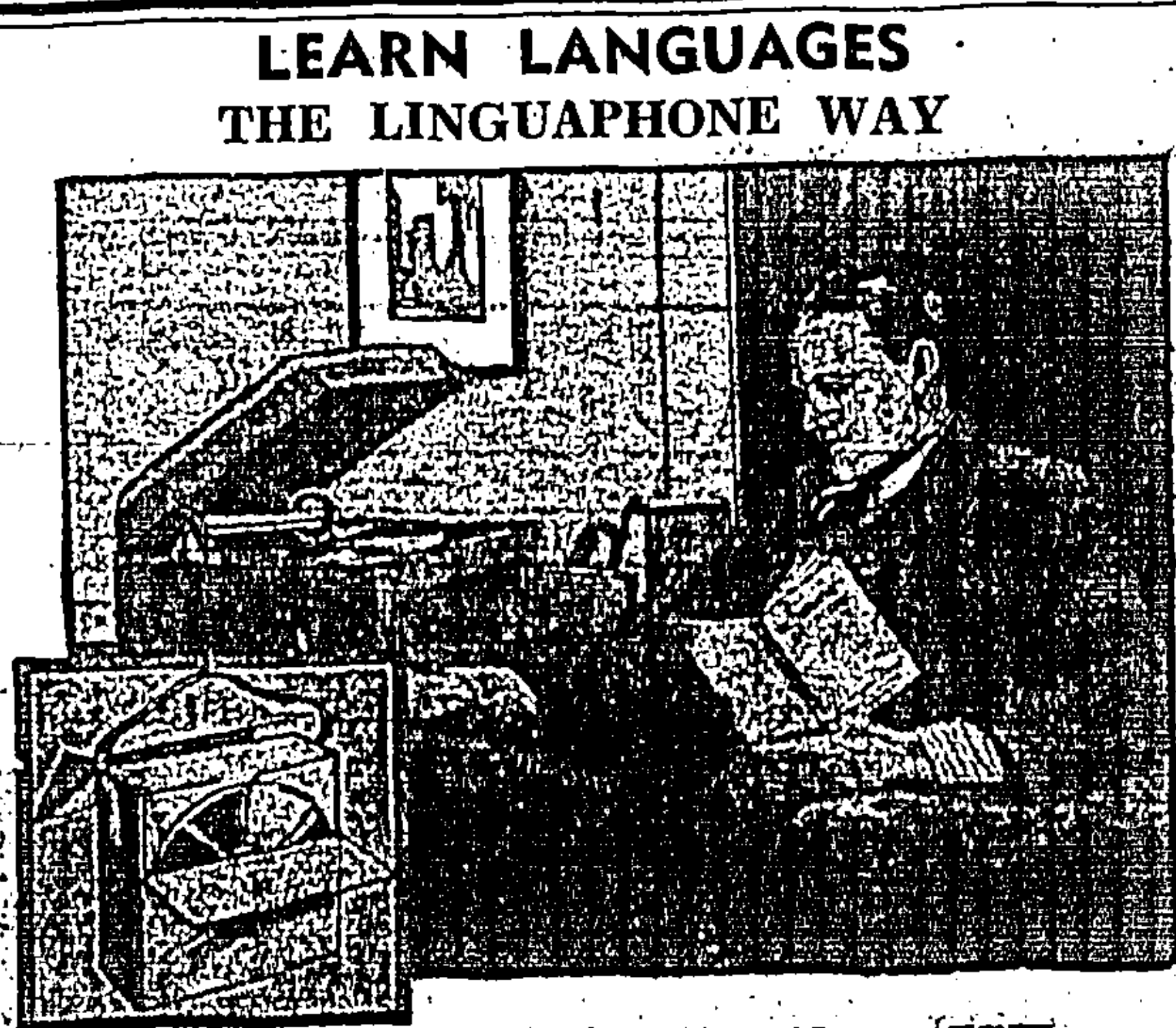
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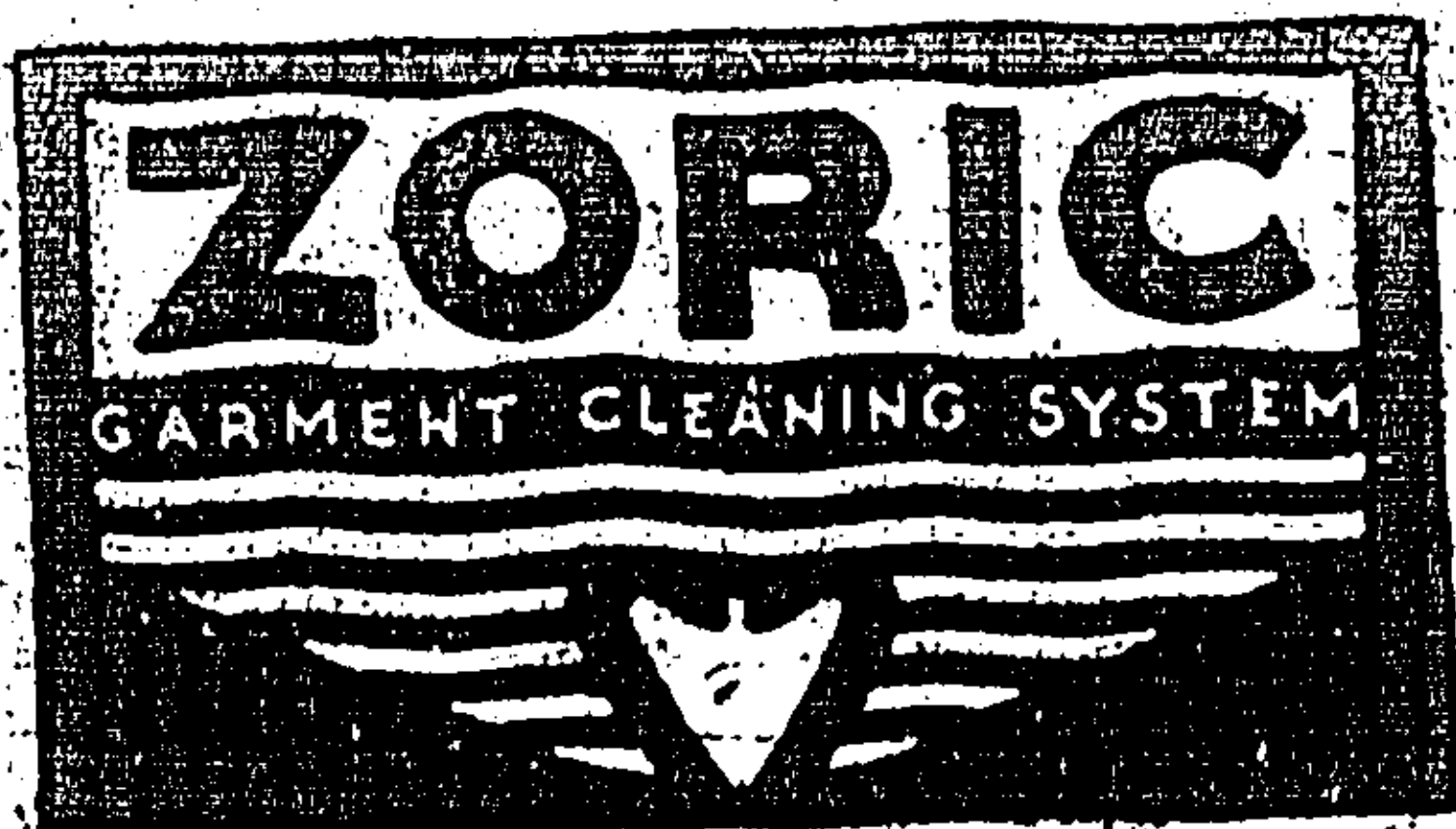
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Caution Against Relapse Into Mood Of Complacency

BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, warned the country against relapsing into a mood of complacency as only a small fraction of Germany's heavy bomber force had yet been engaged and the danger of invasion and mass air attacks had not yet passed.

Vigilance, energy and sacrifice of convenience and even of rights and liberties, were still urgently necessary to frustrate an invasion.

Then all the emergency measures which restrict the liberty of the subject would disappear with the passing of the emergency, and the new offences under the Emergency Powers Act and the extraordinary powers entrusted to the executive would vanish with the advent of victory and peace.

Sir Archibald continued that we had every good reason for abundant gratitude to our friends in America for their moral sympathy and material support but it was on ourselves that we must rely.

"The more we rely on ourselves and the more strength and resolution we play here, the more help we shall get from outside."

Sir Archibald said that since August 8 we had lost in defence and in extensive operations over Germany, 194 aircraft against the Germans 709. — Reuter.

IMPRESSIVE AND THRILLING

"When confidence comes from such a man at such a time as this it becomes impressive and thrilling," declared the "New York Times" yesterday, commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's speech.

"It was all the more impressive because of the array of solid facts with which he supported his sure belief that Britain will survive."

"There wasn't a breath of complacency in Mr. Churchill's recital, no trace of the smug belief of former days."

"Mr. Churchill isn't frightened because he knows he shares the superb fighting spirit which British airmen and civilians alike have shown in the past few weeks of trial." — Reuter.

STRAIN OF AIR RAIDS

Speaking to A.R.P. wardens and members of the L.C.C. Ambulance Service yesterday, Sir John Anderson expressed himself satisfied with the working of A.R.P. organisation in the recent raids.

The Minister of Home Security said we had had a personal opportunity of observing the efficiency of the service when he visited three of the most heavily bombed areas.

Great strain had been imposed on some places, the Minister said, and there would be a much greater strain before the war was finished and the organisation must be prepared for anything.

"But one thing I think you need not be prepared for, and that is any announcement such as we saw in the Press this morning has been made in Germany, to the effect that they have had to recast entirely their civil defence organisation as a result of the intensity of British air operations against military objectives in Germany." — British Wireless.

10 KILLED IN NAZI DAY RAID

TEN PEOPLE WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 110 INJURED IN A DAYLIGHT RAID ON A TOWN IN NORTH-EAST ENGLAND. THE DEAD INCLUDED TWO MEN OVER 60, ONE MAN OF ABOUT 45, TWO WOMEN, A GIRL OF ABOUT 17, A GIRL OF ABOUT 5 AND A BOY OF ABOUT 4.

Bombs fell on another town in North-East England, and on the outskirts of a third.

The German bomber which caused the loss of life dived out of the clouds and released two bombs. One fell in the poorer quarter of the town. Houses were wrecked and glass was shattered over a large area. Some people were buried in the debris. A school was very badly damaged.

The other bomb, an incendiary, caused a fire which was promptly dealt with by the fire brigade and the police.

An enemy plane appeared over an area in South-West England at night approaching from the south-east. It dropped bombs in open country and caused no casualties. It turned tail without lingering long enough to meet anti-aircraft fire.

BRITISH RELATIONS WITH VICHY

IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ASKED WHAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR CONTACTS EXISTED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT AT VICHY, SAID THAT SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ON JULY 18 SOME FORMAL COMMUNICATIONS HAD BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE VICHY GOVERNMENT.

These had been conducted through the intermediary of the United States Government which had assumed charge of British interests in unoccupied as well as occupied France.

Some official exchanges had taken place with an agent who had been charged by his Government with the liquidation of outstanding economic and commercial questions between France and the United Kingdom. He had left for Vichy with members of the French Embassy in order to consult his Government and had not yet returned. — British Wireless.

IMMUNITY OF R.A.F. RAIDERS

The Cairo newspaper "Al Balagh," discussing the failure of German fighters to attack British bombers over Germany, says: "We do not think this is due to any lack of German planes, because Germany has planes, but we think it is because Germany wants to conceal from the nation the inevitable result of such battles if they took place above the Reich, and then the Germans would know the truth."

BUTTER-IN-FACES MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

A FATAL FIGHT, more than a month ago over a duckling which has since grown considerably and which disturbed the court with its intermittent "quacking," resulted in Leung Shing, a stall-fork appearing at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a charge of manslaughter.

Without retirement, the Jury found accused not guilty. Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Sergeant Mottram, appeared for the prosecution and the following composed the jury: — Messrs. A. B. Clemon (foreman), Woo Tsung-kwai, C. I. da Roza, N. D. Meffan, Lim Kin-cheong, Shiu Kee-ye and Soong Tack-kwong.

Accused was not represented. Mr. Reynolds said deceased was a stall-holder at San Uk-ling. He had some time previous to the incident bought four ducklings. Three had died and the other had disappeared. On July 14, he was at his stall when a duckling passed by. He caught it and put it into a basket. Fook Chai and Ma Chai saw this and claimed the duck, but deceased refused to return it. The two men then assaulted him and he was killed in the stomach by one of them. Accused, seeing the fight, left his stall and joined in. He struck deceased two blows and then returned to the stall. The other men ran away. Deceased was able to get up. The colour of his face changed and he drank some water, and then collapsed. The two men who ran towards Shing Shui were chased by a constable on a bicycle.

No External Injury

The post mortem showed no external signs of violence and cause of death was a ruptured and enlarged spleen.

Accused, later arrested, admitted taking part in the fight.

Dr. H. T. Bee who performed the post-mortem said deceased died of a ruptured spleen enlarged to three times normal size. In reply to the Chief Justice, he said that it could have been caused by a kick.

After the Crown case, the Chief Justice pointed out to Mr. Reynolds that the Crown admitted that Ma Chai-kick deceased and that accused later struck the two blows. Death followed the fight. He repeated what Mr. Reynolds had said on the law but added that in all cases there must be common felonious purpose and premeditation.

More participation in a fight without felonious intent was not enough. The Crown must satisfy the jury that the blows which struck deceased caused his death. There was no evidence that the three had a common design. When the jury had returned their verdict, His Lordship expressed the hope that this would be a lesson to accused that no matter how attractive a fight might seem, it would suit him better to keep his hands in his pockets.

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CALM CONFIDENCE

The triumphs of the Royal Air Force, both in the great air battles of the Channel and in vigorous counter-offensive have done much to hearten the Empire and diminish apprehensions aroused by the blood-curdling threats of Dr. Goebbels.

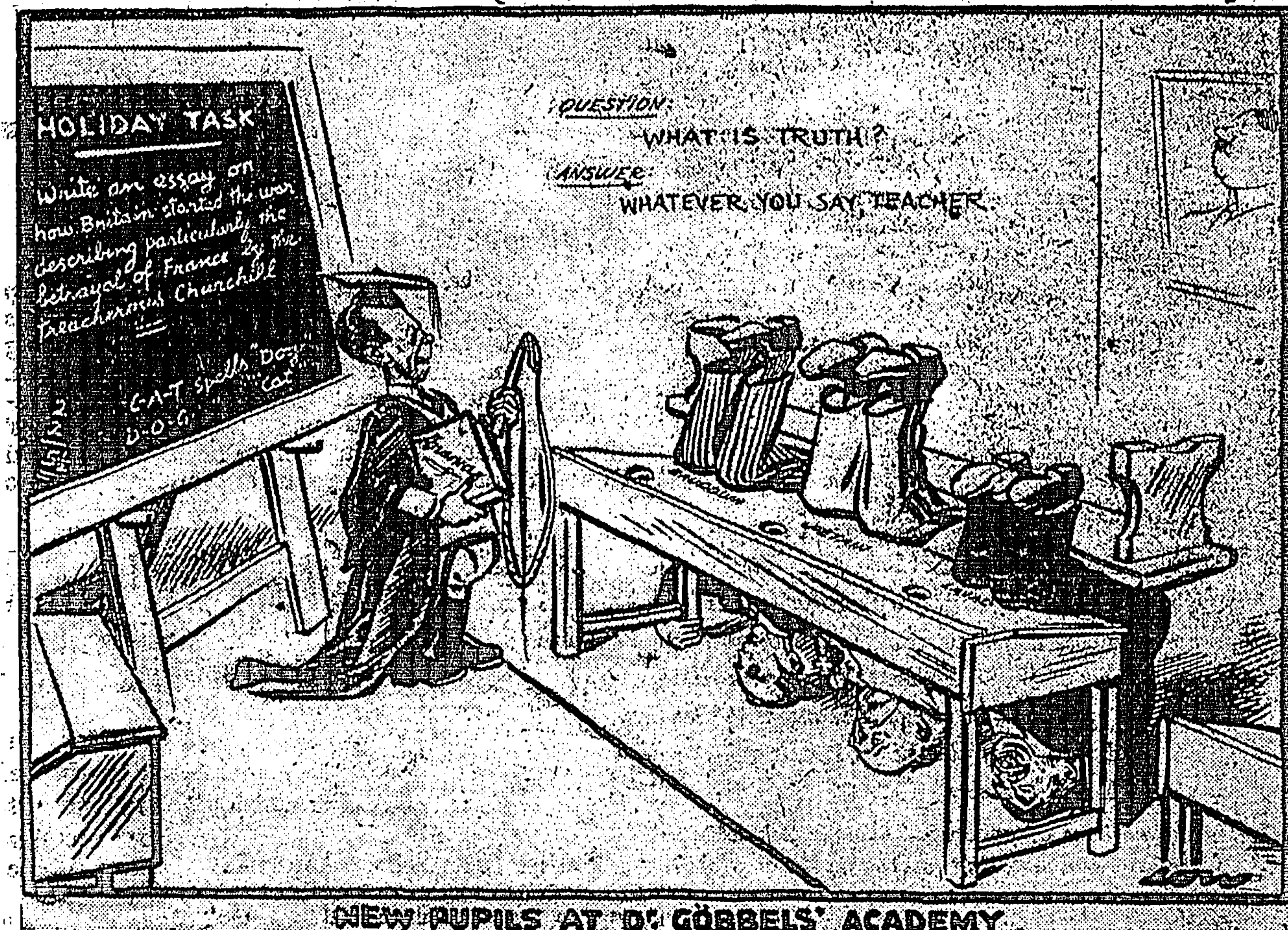
Mr. Churchill's calm, confident speech was well calculated to carry that easing of minds a stage further.

The Prime Minister's confidence contained nothing of bluster or overboldness. It was impressive less because Mr. Churchill proclaimed Britain to be sure of itself and its cause than because of the solid array of facts which he marshalled in support of his considered belief that the British Isles aware of the ordeals that lie ahead is well able to face them without flinching.

At times, Mr. Churchill spoke with that noble dignity of which he is the master. At others, he could not resist the temptation to indulge his pungent wit. The burden of the speech, however, was a frank appraisal of the war situation, balancing the national assets with the forces arrayed on the other side in the light of all that has passed since the collapse of France, and suggesting a conclusion which could not fail to leave a feeling of keen satisfaction.

Two vitally important decisions were announced by the Prime Minister. One was the refusal of the British Government to lift the blockade to permit Hitler to profit by his pillaging of the countries he has over-run. Kid-gloves are off. The second revealed that an agreement in principle has been reached with the United States on defensive measures in the Western Hemisphere, an agreement on lines which must strengthen the bonds between the English-speaking peoples, to our mutual advantage.

After Dunkirk, it will be recalled, Mr. Churchill invited Britain and the



If Hitler Tries Invasion

Once the Germans occupied the northern coast of France, an invasion of this country became a serious possibility—not so much because their troops now have a much shorter sea crossing to make, but because the basic modern handicap upon any such attempt has been partially removed.

That handicap lies in the fact that an invading force which is carried over a long stretch of sea is excessively vulnerable to the defenders' shore-based air force unless and until it can establish aerodromes on the far side.

On several occasions last autumn there was considerable concern here over reports that the Germans might attempt a crossing of the North Sea. It was difficult to see justification for such anxiety, in view of the inherent air handicap on its success.

And this spring our own experience in Norway tended to confirm the views of those who had held that a seaborne expeditionary force could not be expected to consolidate a foothold in face of a strong shore-based air force.

Situation Changed

The situation has been changed, however, by the German occupation of Belgium and France. Their air force may now be able to operate from bases close enough to the English coast to enable them not only to cover a crossing, but to give sustained support, at comparatively short range, to any troops who succeed in landing on our shores.

Empire to contemplate our dangers with a disillusioned mind. To-day, so magnificently has the nation rallied, the Prime Minister is able to give us a wholly bright picture. We can feel now that the shadows are lifted; and while it would be unwise to minimise the difficulties of the task ahead, we can feel that the means are equal to the spirit of the nation, which is dedicated to seeing this thing through.

At the same time there may be a better chance of slipping other forces ashore at more distant points—in the north, the south-west, or Ireland—if the defenders' attention and forces can be fixed in the most obviously threatened area.

It would be reasonable to anticipate that any attempted invasion will not be confined to one area, but will be carried out at a number of widely separated points—in order to create a distraction helpful to the chances of each and all.

If any attempt at invasion will run heavy risks, it may now seem a strategically justifiable gamble to a man who is playing for high stakes. All the more so if he feels that he has some fresh tactical card up his sleeve.

Technique Of Invasion

The question which we must try to answer, both speculatively and tactically, is what technique of invasion the enemy may prac-

By Capt.
Liddell Hart

tise. The kind of "Trojan horse"—composed of seemingly innocent merchant-ships—which helped to paralyse the resistance of Norway has no scope here.

For the parachutists who spread confusion in the May offensive we are better prepared than were the Low Countries. Indeed, we have carried some precautions so far as to court the opposite danger—of creating hindrances to the free movement of our own forces and piling up restrictions on the public—which may be enervating to morale.

While it is important to have a counter ready for the devices which the enemy has already tried, it is even more important to look ahead. One of the obvious possibilities which calls for consideration is the use of gas. It is to be presumed that the authorities are satisfied with their measures to meet this menace.

Another is the use of artificial fog on a large scale to cloak the crossing and to cover the landing from air attack.

In any case we should be wise to reckon with the likelihood that the Germans, for the execution of their plans, may seize a moment when a sea fog prevails in the Channel and the North Sea.

Other possibilities are the invader's use of air-borne tanks, and, still more, of swimming tanks. The former kind have apparently been utilised by the Russians in accelerating their advance into Bessarabia, and it is only reasonable to take account of the possibility that the Germans, who had already borrowed the idea of parachute troops from that source, may also have developed the means of transporting armoured fighting vehicles by air.

Tanks Of Lightest Type

But, as the weight-carrying capacity of aircraft is limited, such tanks could only be of the lightest type—which is not well suited for operations in such a hedge-bound country as England.

There would seem to be a greater potential menace in the use of swimming or floating tanks—a type in which this country originally took the lead, only to let it slip. Apart from the specially designed Carden-Lloyd Amphibians, which the Russians subsequently copied, we produced the means of floating somewhat heavier tanks so that they could "paddle" ashore after being dropped overboard from a transport.

Some ten years ago a successful demonstration was given off the South Coast, despite the fact that on the chosen day the sea was fairly rough. Unfortunately, this development languished when the mechanised warfare expert who had nursed it from birth was moved from the War Office to command an infantry brigade. If it had only been brought to maturity it might have been invaluable to us in the recent Norwegian campaign.

The German offensive in France has shown that our opponents

have carried through to their logical fulfilment most of the ideas on mechanised warfare which were first conceived in this country.

Thus there would be no cause for surprise if their next move should reveal that they have produced the means of giving reality to a picture painted by British military futurists years ago—a fleet of transports arriving on an enemy's coast and belching forth a swarm of armoured reptiles, which, after making their way ashore, could carry out a rapid advance inland.

An alternative possibility is transport of the tanks in sea-going barges, from which they could land in shallow water, by means of a sloping ramp.

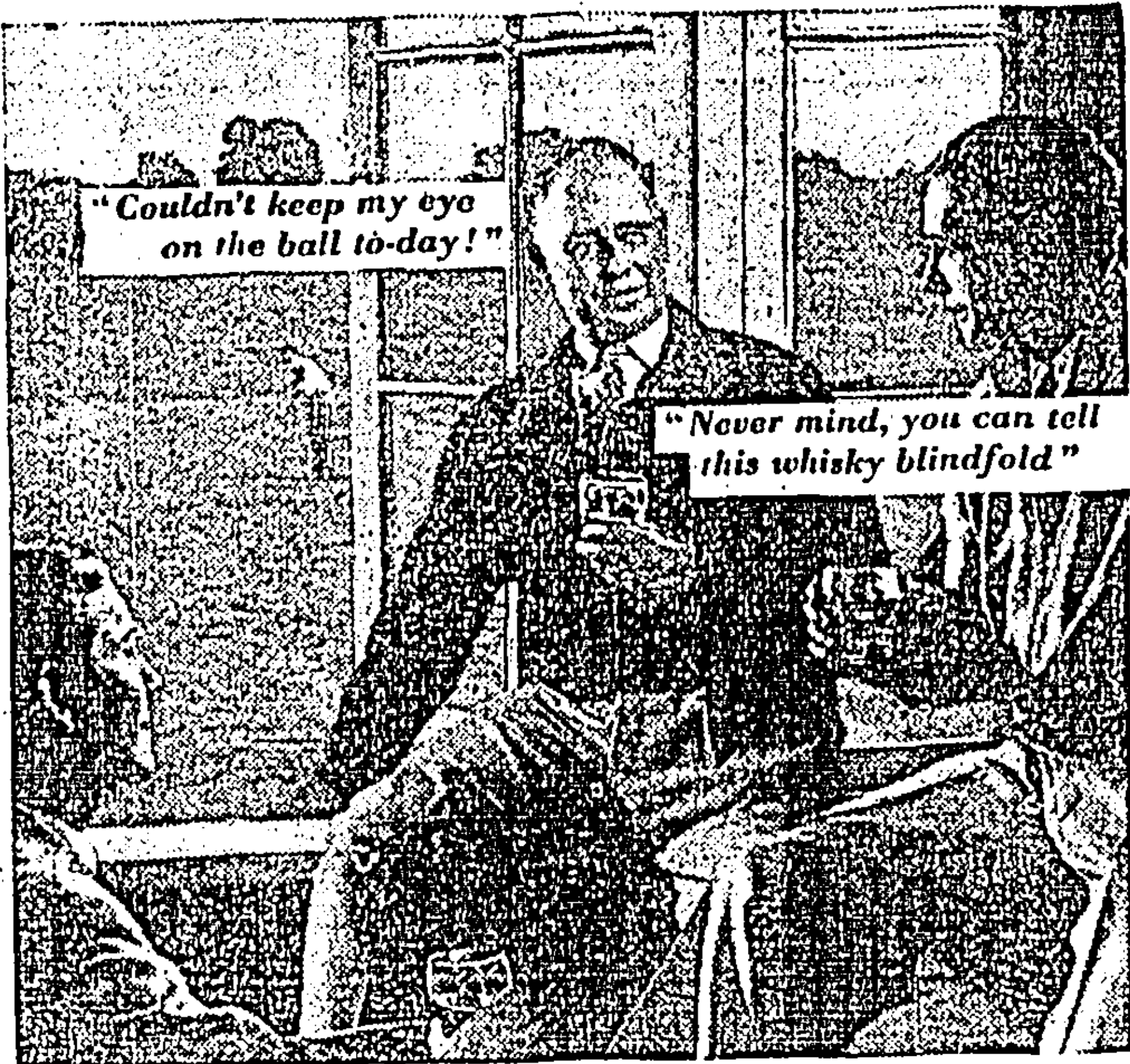
Known Limit To Landing Areas

In any case we must be prepared for a marked acceleration in the tempo of any such attempted landing operations.

Instead of the cautious consolidation of a "bridgehead," allowing time for the defenders' reserves to assemble, successive waves of armoured fighting vehicles may try to sweep inland as fast and as far as possible in order to create confusion and dislocate communications.

On the other hand, there is a known limit to the number of places along our coasts where such a mechanised landing is practicable, so that an appropriate distribution of our anti-tank weapons and obstacles is made easier. Moreover, we have officers who from long study of the idea are well fitted to counter the threat—if we only utilise them adequately.

The menace of a tank infiltration, as of the tank itself, lies largely in its psychological effect. And this effect is least where there is most understanding of its qualities. As the facts of the campaign in France become clearer, the evidence grows that at many times and places a mere trickle of tanks was magnified into the proportion of a tidal wave, thus producing the needless abandonment of important points—sometimes only because it was not realised that the tanks themselves were lost. [World Copyright reserved. Reproduction in whole or part forbidden.]



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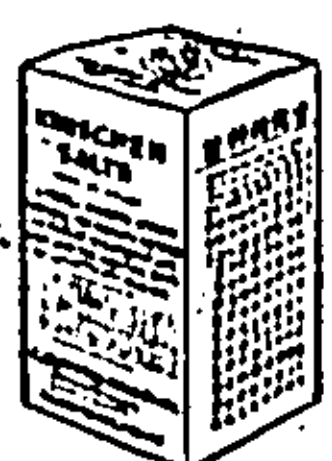
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44 YEARS FOR FIFTH COLUMN BRITONS

MR. JUSTICE SINGLETON means to stamp out Fifth Column activity in Britain. In two days at the Old Bailey he has passed sentences totalling 44 years' penal servitude on four men and a woman.

He sentenced three men, who were charged under the Defence Regulations, to a total of 20 years' penal servitude. The day before he had sentenced a German woman to ten years' and another man to 14 years'.

The sentences were on:
Frederick Roesch, aged 26, an engineer, ten years;
William Saxon-Steer, aged 42, a violinist, of Childs Street, Earl's Court, W., seven years; and
Cyril Desmond Stephens, aged 18, a press operator, three years.

Works Sketch

Roesch, who was born in England of German parents, and educated in Germany, pleaded guilty to having a sketch of an important works and some tear-gas cartridges.

Father Interned

He had been earning up to £13 a week in English munition and aeroplane factories since the war. His father, interned in this country during the last war, died in an internment camp, and the son was taken to Germany as a child. He had been in the German Labour Corps and the S.A. He came back to England in 1935 with his British passport. Police found many German documents, including a diary written by Roesch in German, at his lodgings.

Label In Kiosk

Saxon-Steer was caught by a war reserve policeman posting a label in a telephone kiosk, announcing the wave-length of a German radio station which masqueraded as English.

This station, it was said, broadcast in English, advising the public to move in the event of an invasion, contrary to the instructions already issued by the British authorities.

B.B.C. Broadcasts

Saxon-Steer had frequently broadcast with bands from the B.B.C. He lived in a small hut at the bottom of a garden, and there police found Fascist literature and a document called the "War Alphabet," which was anti-British and pro-Nazi.

A letter in Saxon-Steer's handwriting referred to "Dictator Churchill and his rotten gang."

Fascist And Saboteur

Cyril Desmond Stephens was a Fascist and a saboteur. He threw a spanner into machinery used on National work and after doing it stood back so that he would not be injured by flying metal.

Mr. Justice Singleton said: "I have been asked to show leniency because of your age, but you have done something to prejudice the National safety."

Wrote To Hitler

Lillian Yates, 34-years-old domestic servant, was sentenced at Bristol Assizes to two years' imprisonment for having matter which might be useful to the enemy. The hearing was secret.

Yates said at the police court hearing that she wrote to Hitler when she was challenged to do so by two girls, but she received no reply.

She was said to have been connected with extremist movements, and Mr. Justice Lawrence told her: "People who have your idea of loyalty are better in prison just now."

HE DUG UP A SHELTER

Dr. R. Hodgkinson, of Porthcawl, Glamorgan, was helping to dig a hole in which to place his Anderson shelter when suddenly the earth gave way.

The new hole disclosed a room seven feet high and ten feet wide, with thick limestone walls. Dr. Hodgkinson has decided to use the ready-made shelter.

AIR RAID ON GIBRALTAR

An enemy raider was brought down in the sea when Gibraltar was attacked by two successive waves of enemy planes during Monday night.

Bombs falling on the Rock in the second raid caused an outbreak of fire which was quickly brought under control without causing any appreciable damage. There were no casualties.

All the bombs of the first enemy formation fell into the sea—Reuter.

CONGRESS GIVES REPLY TO VICEROY

ABDUL KALAM AZAD, PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, ANNOUNCED IN WARDHA YESTERDAY THAT AFTER CONSULTING THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE, HE HAD SENT A REPLY TO THE VICEROY STATING THERE IS NO MEETING GROUND BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE VICEROY ON THE BASIS OF THE VICEROYAL DECLARATION OF AUGUST 8.

He added that if any new situation arose in which the Viceroy thought there would be an advantage in the Congress President meeting him, he would always be willing to do so.—Reuter.

AXIS POWERS IN COMPETITION

COMPETITION BETWEEN the Axis powers in the only markets open to them was referred to yesterday in authoritative circles in London where it was pointed out that the fat shortage in Italy and Germany forced them both into the Balkan market in an endeavour to purchase oil seeds.

The Italian food position was estimated to be ensured for about nine months but there already is a shortage of meat which now is not allowed to be sold in public restaurants.

In certain necessary raw materials it is estimated there are sufficient stocks to last six months at the present rate of consumption and unless the balance of sea power changes these are irreplaceable.

More serious is the rubber supply of which Italy had only four months' stock when she entered the war.

While she is able to obtain coal and iron from Germany, if transport difficulties can be overcome, her partner cannot help her with rubber where there are serious deficiencies.

Italian oil stores are thought to be probably proportionately

"AMERICAN LEGION" OUT OF DANGER ZONE

The U.S. State Department announced yesterday that the "American Legion," which is bringing American evacuees and Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her children to the United States from Scandinavia, is now about 400 miles west of the British coastline and is therefore well beyond the area Germany described as dangerous owing to mines.—Reuter.

NOBODY COULD HAVE TOLD THEM

The Berlin newspapers, which for weeks have been telling their readers that the collapse of the British Empire was near, showed considerable bewilderment yesterday over the confident tone of Mr. Churchill's speech.

The German news agency says the consensus of press opinion is that the speech was a "mixture of paralysing fear and desperate swagger."

The Berlin "Boersen Zeitung" boldly asserts that "while the German air force swarms over England, always reaching its objective... the British Premier talks as if it was not England but her opponent that had revealed itself as a colossus with feet of clay."

The Berlin "Lokalanzeiger" is satisfied that "an Empire rushing into disintegration feels stronger than ever."—Reuter.

BIRTHDAY OF KING'S DAUGHTER

Princess Margaret, who was ten yesterday, for the first time spent her birthday in England. In other years the Royal Family had been at Balmoral in August. The King and Queen were able to spend the day with their daughters.—British Wireless.

"GOBS" DIVE TO RESCUE

ALTHOUGH THE GALE, in which one gust reached 88 m.p.h., raged throughout the whole day yesterday, and most of the night, the Colony has apparently suffered very slight damage.

In the most exciting incident of the typhoon, four American sailors jumped into the Harbour along the Wanchai sea front to rescue a Chinese woman.

This occurred shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning when the woman caught by a strong gust, was blown into the sea.

The sailors whose names are not available, immediately jumped into the sea which was exceedingly rough, and rescued the woman.

One accidental death occurred when a Chinese youth was killed by a large piece of stone in Des Voeux Road Central, opposite the New Central Market. The stone was said to have fallen from the Fire Brigade Building.

An accident is also reported from the Mainland.

In the Yaumati district a motor-bus was blown to the pavement in Shanghai Street apparently by a strong gust of wind combined with the greasy road conditions. The bus collided with a concrete pillar of a building, but none of the passengers was injured.

Steamer traffic between Hong Kong and Macao was completely at a standstill. One small vessel in harbour was blown from its moorings and went ashore.

Fook On In Mishap

The s.s. Fook On, due here yesterday afternoon from Macao, was caught by the typhoon near Cheung Chau. The vessel's steering wheel directing chain was broken, thus forcing the ship into anchorage near the Island. All Macao ships are expected to resume service to-day.

There was some minor damage on the mainland. One two-storey match store house collapsed in Matauwei Road, a hut in Po Kong Village was completely blown down, while the fence at the Kowloon Football Club was also blown down. No casualties are reported.

THUMBS UP

Latest addition to unusual clubs in Yorkshire is The Thumbs Up Club—founded by Mr. H. Bryce Thomson.

Members have to buy badges, proceeds from the sale of which go to war charities; and when they meet in the street they have to stick up their thumbs in "silent salute."

Members have other duties, too. They avow:

To make some contribution every day to the war effort.

To observe faithfully the instructions of the authorities.

To keep under their noses things they know.

To scotch rumours.

To cheer up Dismal Jimmies.

To help to win the war by every means in their power.

WHOLE SKIN FIRST

SIR SYDNEY BARTON, FORMER BRITISH MINISTER TO ADDIS ABABA, WAS ASKED AT A LONDON MEETING YESTERDAY WHY SO FEW ITALIANS HAVE SETTLED IN ABYSSINIA.

He replied:

"Because the Italian peasant would much rather have half an acre of land, one cow and five, than three acres of land, 10 cows and have his throat cut!"

Never at any moment since the Abyssinia war began, he said, have the Abyssinians stopped fighting the Italians.—Reuter.

VICHY GIVEN A WARNING

Frenchmen in the United States have warned the Vichy Government of the bad effects attacks on Britain appearing in the French press are having on opinion in the United States, says a New York message.

The newly-formed "France For Ever" organisation says that these attacks, and declarations by French officials, are destroying the traditional friendship the United States has always had with France.

The "France for Ever" organisation is a union of Frenchmen in the United States who will work for the restoration of free France and who propose to help Britain with all the means in their power.—Reuter.

ONE DIVORCED, ONE WED: DIDN'T KNOW

A man who didn't know he was divorced and a woman who didn't know she was married told their stories in the Courts.

Suing his wife at Clerkenwell County Court for the return of a diamond ring, Mr. James Sutters, Royal Hotel, Russell Square, W.C., said she suggested he should lend it to her as she didn't wish to wear her engagement ring in the bar.

After two years of marriage she left him, and on her petition the marriage was dissolved.

"I knew nothing about it until a friend told me, 'Your wife has divorced you,'" said Mr. Sutters. "I was so surprised I could not believe it, and I rang her up to see if it was true."

Mrs. Sutters said the ring was a gift, but Mr. Registrar Friend found for the husband.

The wife who did not know she was married was Mrs. Mary Rosa Phillip, a twenty-five-year-old Jewess, of Melrose Avenue, N.W. She was granted a decree nisi of nullity in the Divorce Court.

Mrs. Phillip alleged that she was "tricked" into the ceremony at a London register office last year by Mr. Phineas Goldstein Phillip, of Darenth Road, Stamford Hill N., who denied the allegations.

Mr. Justice Hodson said he believed Mrs. Phillip thought she was merely registering their intention to marry.

ULSTER READY FOR ANYTHING

The Secretary of State for Air, replying to a question assured the Commons that the Air Force was well placed, thoroughly equipped and fully prepared to meet successfully any attempted inroad of the enemy on Northern Ireland.—British Wireless.

KING INSPECTS POLISH AIRMEN

His Majesty the King has just inspected a Midlands aerodrome manned by Polish airmen, and he spoke to many of them.

This unit have, between them, accounted for 23 enemy planes. One Polish pilot has six Nazi planes to his credit.—Reuter.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR PANIC

The Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. S. Blunt, at Bradford Diocesan Conference, warned people that this was no time either for panic or complacency.

There had been too much complacency during the last nine months. We had started with the idea that time was on our side. We had taken time, and went on taking time.

The Bishop announced that among chaplains in Dunkirk, forty-eight were unaccounted for, twenty-two, were wounded, and two had died from wounds.

NO ORGANISED JAPANESE EVACUATION

A spokesman of the Japanese Embassy in London has commented on a statement reported to have been made by the Tokyo Foreign Office about the evacuation of Japanese subjects from the European danger zone.

The Tokyo statement is reported to have been to the effect that everything possible will be done to this end, and that the areas include Britain. The Germans have been asked to guarantee the safety of three Japanese ships now on their way to Lisbon.

The Embassy spokesman said no arrangements are being made for the organised evacuation of Japanese nationals from Britain.

The only Japanese leaving were a party of about 40 who want to go home for business reasons and have been waiting for some time for passenger accommodation.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS TARIFF IN CHINA

REPLYING IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY TO CAPT. ALAN GRAHAM, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD NO INFORMATION ON ANY RECENT REVISION OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF FOR JAPANESE-OCCUPIED PARTS OF CHINA.

Capt. Graham asked whether any satisfactory reply had been received to the representations to the Japanese Government respecting restrictions imposed on the trade of third powers in north and central China.

Mr. Butler replied the Foreign Secretary was asking for a report on this.—Reuter.

BRITAIN RECEIVES GERMAN NOTE

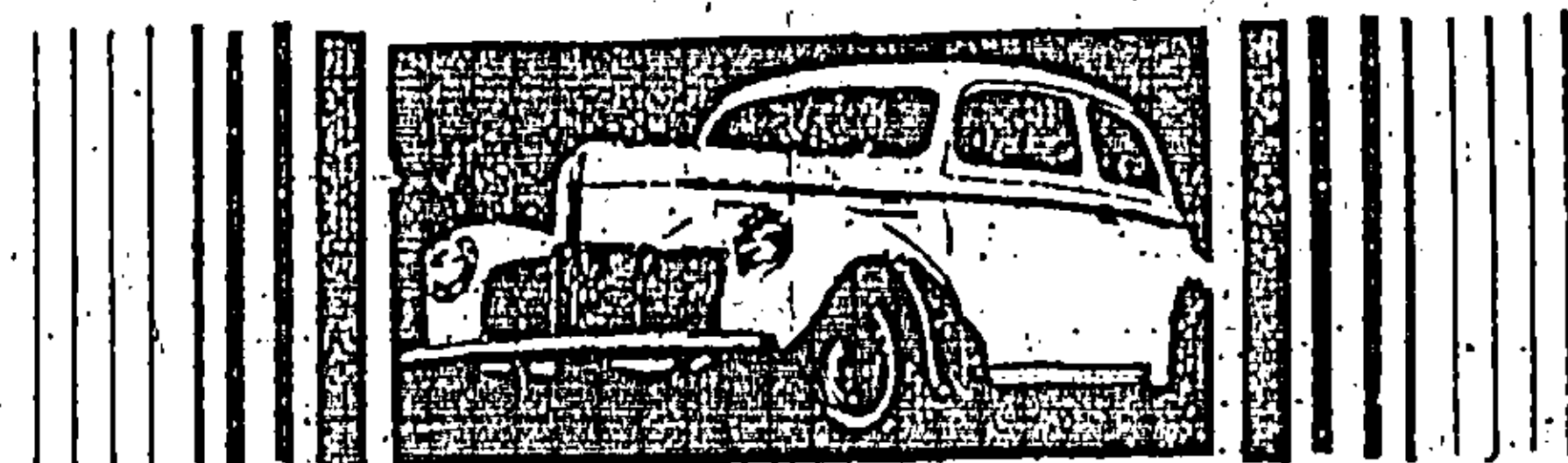
The German Government has sent a note to the British Government about the treatment of parachute troops should they land in Britain or British territory.

The note was received in London yesterday through the offices of the Swiss Government and is now being considered.—Reuter.

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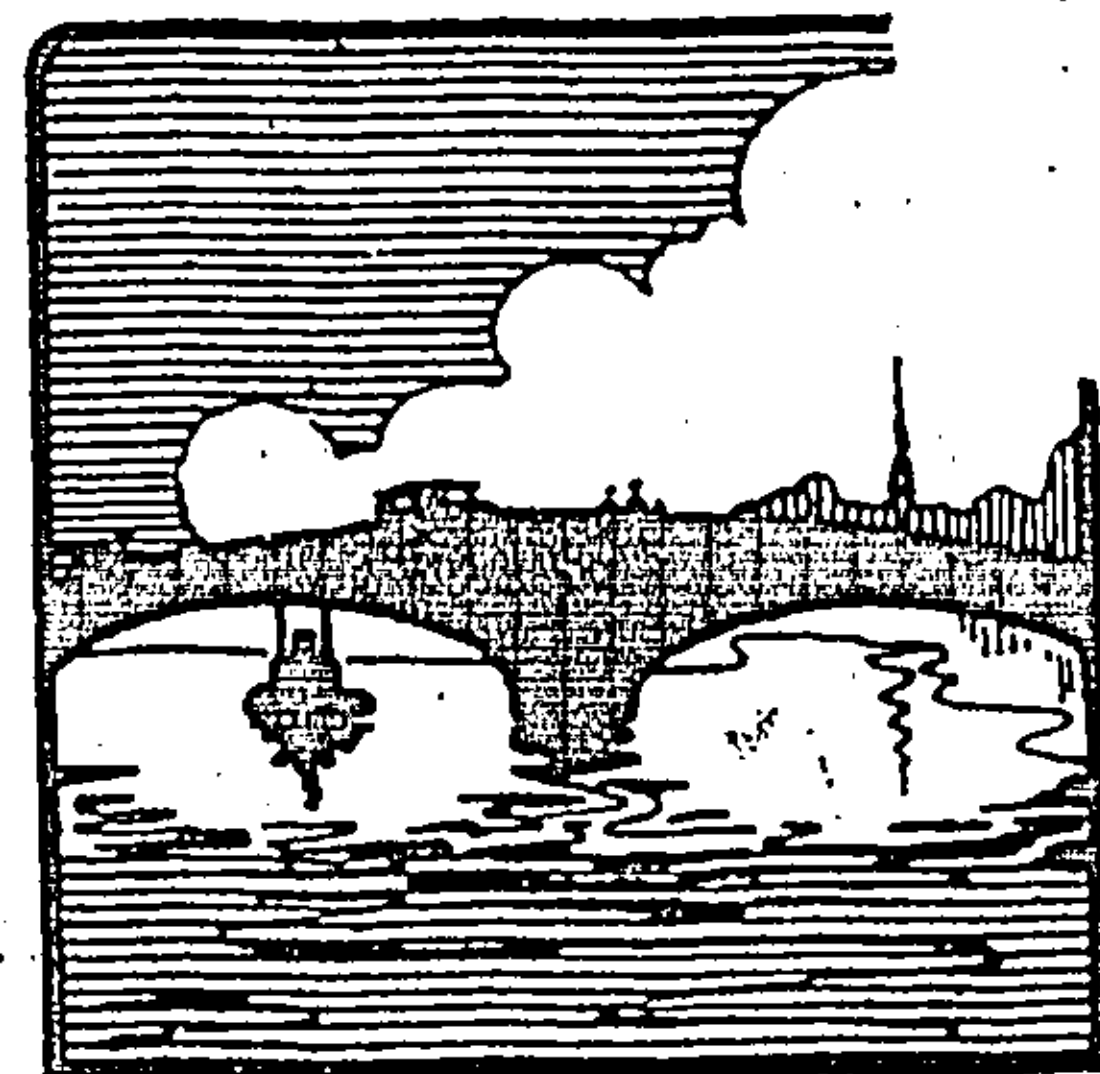
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NOTICE

The Portuguese Community announces that a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Governor of Macau, Dr. Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, on Friday, 23rd inst., at 9 a.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided that, subject to arrangements referred to below, Bank of England notes cannot henceforth be imported into the United Kingdom. This will in no way affect normal transfer of sterling through banks which will continue in accordance with existing arrangements.

2. In order to afford existing holders opportunity of obtaining value for sterling notes held by them the following arrangements have been made. The period allowed for carrying out of these arrangements is necessarily short and immediate steps must be taken by those desiring to take advantage of the offer. The period can in no case be extended.

3. Bank of England notes delivered to an authorised bank in Hong Kong up to the close of business on 27th August, 1940, will be credited on receipt in the United Kingdom to the account of the bank which forwards the notes provided (1) the notes are forwarded by the bank in question from a post office in Hong Kong not later than midnight on 27th August, 1940, and (2) the total of each bank's holding is cabled by the forwarding bank before opening of business on 28th August, 1940, to its correspondent in the United Kingdom or to the correspondent of its head office. Every consignment should contain a letter from the forwarding bank stating whether it forms part or all of amount notified by cable.

4. Notes now in transit to the United Kingdom from Hong Kong will be accepted.

5. Notes will, as is customary, be forwarded at sender's risk.

6. Consignments not complying with these conditions will not be accepted in the United Kingdom for collection. Notes forwarded by individuals or by any other agency than a bank authorized under Regulation 1 (2) of the Hong Kong Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, to its regular correspondents in the United Kingdom will not be credited on arrival.

In view of the above notice no further permits will be issued under the Defence (Finance) Regulations for the export of Bank of England notes as from to-day to any person other than authorized banks, and no permits will be issued to authorized banks as from 5 p.m. on 27th August, 1940.

By Command,

H. R. BUTTERS,
Financial Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st August, 1940.

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This school will NOT re-open in Kowloon Tong next term. Parents should enrol their children with the Diocesan Girls' School.

WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 6
This time we present a new twist in our crime series:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ 6
♥ K 4 2
♦ 10 8 7
♣ K J 10 9 5 2
K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A
N E W S
♠ 8 4 3
♥ A 3
♦ K Q 9 6 5 2
♣ 7 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the Queen of hearts. Dummy won with the heart King and led a spade to South's Ace. A spade was ruffed in the dummy, and the South hand was entered with the heart Ace for another spade ruff. Then the ten of diamonds was led from the dummy. East ducked and South played the King. West took the Ace of trumps, and South eventually lost the setting trick to East's Jack of diamonds.

Any good detective can see that South would have made the contract by letting the ten of diamonds "ride" instead of playing the diamond King. A super-detective can say whether South should have done so. Decide for yourself, before reading on, whether South was a criminal or just the victim of circumstance.

South was a criminal! The bidding marked West with six spades and four hearts (since he rebid the spades before showing the hearts); and both minor-suit Aces (since East would not have passed the opening bid if he had held an Ace). That accounts for twelve of West's cards, the thirteenth being one of the unseen minor-suit cards. Finessing the ten of trumps would succeed unless that thirteenth West card was the Jack of diamonds—only one out of seven possibilities. It was criminal for South to play against those odds.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 6
♥ 8 5 2
♦ A Q 10 8 5
♣ 10 6 3 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	(7)	Pass

ANSWER: Pass. Your first bid was a "stretch" and was made only in the hope of finding a safer landing place.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three hearts.

QUESTION NO. 495

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 6
♥ K J 5 2
♦ A Q 10 8 5
♣ K 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	(7)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

DRIVER SHOT DEAD BY L.D.V.

Mr. D. B. Calder, of Bromhall, Leicestershire, was shot dead by a Local Defence Volunteer.

He was returning by car after visiting his wife and two daughters at Aberfeldy, and failed to stop when signalled.

A warning shot was fired, but again he did not stop. He was killed by a second shot.

Mr. Calder, who was about forty-eight, was manager of the Fife Red Stone Quarry Co., Bal-mullo, near Cupar.

COUNCIL C.O.s TO GET ARMY PAY AND ALLOWANCE

Corporation conscientious objectors at soldiers' pay — 1 us billeting allowance not exceeding £1 a week—was the decision of Northampton Town Council.

They resolved that the objectors' service should be terminated, but that they should be re-engaged for the duration of the war, if they so wished at the pay of a serving soldier.

THREE-WEEK ROMANCE

After a lightning romance the wedding took place in Largs Ayrshire, of Lady Hersey Boyle 25-year-old second daughter of the Earl and Countess of Glasgow, and Lieut.-Commander John Montagu Granville Waldegrave D.S.C., R.N., only son of Lord Radstock.

The bride and groom met for the first time three weeks ago at Devonport, where Lady Hersey was serving as officer in Wrens.

CRUEL SHOCK FOR STOMACH SUFFERER

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Designing Pretty Lips

Yes — there is fashion in lips just as there is in gowns and hats. But how to achieve something new, distinctive and correct without smeary edges or downright distortion, has baffled many a woman.

Various innovations have come to our aid. First the camel's hair brush and rouge pot with which we outlined our lips (if our hand was steady) and later filled them in lipstick. Then actual lip-liners in the form of soft, coloured pencils which seemed a bit easier for unexpert hands to handle than the old brush technique. But still these were not the answer to our lip problem. We still sighed over lack of lip symmetry and edges which seemed bound and determined to smear even though we took the greatest of pains.

At last a lipstick manufacturer has got together with a movie make-up artist and a very definite lip rouging aid seems to be the result. Lip stencils — they are called, which fit comfortably between the teeth while you simply sit in the cut-out. You know, just as you played stencils when you were a child — the firm paper edges "keep your" shaking hand from leaving the lip line you desire to have.

Each-stencil is the perfect shape of its type. You just try them over your lips until you find the ideal shape for your mouth. Both a lip liner and a lipstick (of any four shades) come with the set, and this amusing assemblage will help many a girl to flaunt flawless lips of alluring shape!

Another Lip Gadget

Another lip helper is a gadget which is literally a fountain lip



BARBARA STANWYCK experiments with a special lip brush which many Hollywood stars use. She outlines her lips first and then fills in with lipstick.

brush. As you draw it around the outline. When you have used your lip line with a steady hand it slip on its tiny cap and tuck it in your bag as you would an ordinary lipstick. Refills in various shades are available and you have a choice of containers. This is particularly helpful to girls who have dry lips and find many a lipstick too hard for easy and quick colouring.

Of course, many of you will still be loyal to the old-fashioned lipstick which has given good service for years past. If you have difficulty in holding colour on your lips, anoint them first with a bit of liquid make-up foundation, allow it to dry and then puff powder over it. Without moistening your lips the least bit apply your lip colouring and then bite lightly over a tissue to set it.

If lips are dry and cracked in nippy weather have an ointment made of one ounce of rose water, one-quarter ounce witch hazel, one-quarter ounce glycerine and a few drops of geranium oil. Each night before going to bed massage this on your lips and leave it on over night.

and a true perspective. She is understanding of others. She is understanding of herself. She might even, unconsciously, be practicing the Golden Rule.

Some women, who are not gracious, might become annoyed with the steady conquests and permanent popularity of a girl who charms. But those same women would solicit her advice. If they had trouble to share. They would want her to advise them, because they, like men, cannot help but sense that she is genuine.

The gracious lady is true to her fine inner inclinations. She is hurt when others in her presence are hurt. She is sensitive to injustice, to rudeness, to idle gossip, to cruelty of all kinds. She is willing to let others take the spotlight who are eager to take the spotlight. She knows that truth and beauty and kindness and thoughtfulness always get the spotlight in the end.

A Gracious Manner

The girl or woman who possesses and displays a gracious manner is always admired by men and envied by women.

Men admire her because they sense she is self-assured, understanding, and will always be master of her temper.

Women envy her (especially those who are not gracious) because they know she wields power over men and women alike. Women know how difficult it is to master complete self-control; and no woman can have a gracious manner unless she had complete control of herself.

Perhaps by now you are interested enough to inquire, "What is a gracious manner?"

Well, when you are in the presence of a woman who makes you feel at home, who appears to be interested in what you are saying, who quickly fills an awkward gap in conversation, who is courteous to all, who displays warmth in a friendship, who sacrifices her own reactions to the comfort of her guests, who draws out the shy person from his shell, whose servants are eager to please her — why then you are acquainted with a gracious lady. In other words, she forgets herself in her endeavour to make others comfortable and happy. And by so doing she radiates a charm which is hard to beat.

Such a person is no willy-nilly. She never lets people "take her for a ride," or "stamp over her." In the first place, people don't want to take her for a ride or stamp over her. They want to please her. They like her. Perhaps a few envious souls try to trip her. But the gracious person is secure in her knowledge



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau talks about digging in he's gone rural in a big way.

that poise and tact make no enemies. She need never get flustered to the point of being rude. She knows rudeness never has paid. She doesn't get disturbed over idle gossip intended to be harmful — for she knows that gossip, like murder, is always found out.

No, the gracious lady is gracious, because she has balance

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FRIDAY

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FRIDAY

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Amoy	8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.	
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Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta	3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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Shanghai . . . 12.30 p.m.
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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Pat Kirkwood and Henry Jacques Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Haydn's "Oxford" Symphony.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Schumann Quartet.
6.34 p.m.—Schumann Songs.
6.42 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—a Play by Mabel Constanduros "Companion to a Lady".
7.15 p.m.—Dance Music by Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Orchestral Selections, Milan Symphony Orchestra and Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Studio Recital by Gaston D'Aquino.
8.40 p.m.—Weekly Local Newsletter by an Australian Lady Resident in Hong Kong.
8.55 p.m.—Elgar—Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4.... London Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Variety, with Norman Long, Florence Desmond, Flotsam and Jetsam, Jack Warner, and Arthur Askey.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music, by Gerald, Billy Cotton, Mantovani, Jack Wilson, Jack Payne, The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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The London Stock Exchange was brighter and more active yesterday with useful gains recorded in most groups, particularly gold minings, iron and steels and electrical equipments. Despite some reduction in turnover late in the session, gains were fully maintained. The market was under the favourable influence of Mr. Churchill's speech throughout the session. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

Accused asked Tong for a deposit, and Tong, in return, asked for some guarantee which accused was unable to give. Negotiations consequently fell through.

On January 22, Tong went to the Mee Chow Hotel with Lam Mo-keung, his agent, and about 3 p.m., half an hour later, accused together with Yeung and Leung arrived. There was further discussion over the sale of guns and accused agreed not to ask for a deposit and asked where the guns were to be delivered. It was agreed that the guns be delivered at the Valley near the Monument. Tong went out for the money and returned about 6 p.m.

Proof of delivery was mentioned before Tong would pay over the money.

At about 8 p.m., Yeung Kwong returned to the Hotel and said delivery had been made. He gave half a note to Tong who compared it with his portion and found it compared exactly. Tong was told that Lam had taken a taxi with the goods.

Accused then asked for payment which was made.

At 9 p.m., Tong received a telephone message asking why the goods had not been delivered. Tong then realised that he had been swindled.

Accused, arrested on June 6, denied knowing Yeung Kwong or Leung Tim and in answer to the charge said he was entirely innocent.

Case is proceeding.

British imports in July totalled £87 millions which is a decrease of £3,771,000 compared with June and an increase of £8,756,000 on July last year.

Exports were £31 millions which is a decrease of £5 millions on June and £9 millions below July last year.—Reuter.

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1220 b.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$210 s.
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H.K. Docks (Old) \$15¼ b.
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H.K. Realities \$3.10 b., \$3.30 s.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$15.20 b.
Yauamati Ferries \$21½ b.
China Lights (Old) 86¼ b.
\$6.55 sa.
China Lights (New) \$3.40 b.
H.K. Electrics (Old) \$37¼ sa.
Macao Electrics (Old) \$17 sa.
Telephones (Old) \$21¼ b.
Telephones (New) \$8.70 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$15 b., \$15½ s.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms \$17.60 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
100 Electrics (Old) \$37¼ b.

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. London Silver was quoted at 23 5/16 for Spot and 22 15/16 for forward.

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GOOD CHANCE FOR LAI TSUN TO TURN TABLES ON V.R.C.

NEITHER HUTCHINSON, ROZA PEREIRA NOR LAWRENCE SWIMMING

By "Adrem"

POSTPONED LAST NIGHT on account of the typhoon weather, the gala at Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening should provide an excellent standard although W. Lawrence, L. Roza Pereira and David Hutchinson will not be swimming for V.R.C. against Lai Tsun.

Lai Tsun appear to be at full strength and, having regard to the advantage they will have in swimming in their own pool, it is more than possible that they will win.

With Taylor starting in the 50 yards free-style, this event appears fairly certain to be won by V.R.C. together with the back-stroke event, in which A. K. Rumjahn will carry their colours, but the 220 yards free-style and the 100 yards breast-stroke should both go to Lai Tsun.

The relays should be open affairs with V.R.C. winning the medley and probably just losing the 150 yards free-style.

V.R.C. are fully represented in the ladies' events and Vivienne Churn should be a certainty for the 50 yards free-style although again, home advantage and fresh water may enable Miss Ko, of Lai Tsun to turn the tables.

The official events will be interspersed with junior events for Lai Tsun members and the final results will probably rest on the securing of minor positions.

Following is the programme, which starts at 8 p.m., and teams: 50 yards Free-Style:—D. H. Taylor and Silva-Netto; Tsang Cheung-ming and Fong Wah.

220 yards Free-Style:—J. Gomez and Yvanovich; Chan Chun-nam and Lau Tai-ping.

50 yards Free-Style (Ladies):—Miss V. Churn and Miss D. Wei; Miss Ko Mul-ling and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan.

120 yards Medley Relay:—A. K. Rumjahn (back-stroke), E. M. Marques (breast-stroke) and D. H. Taylor (free-style); Lau Yiu-ting (back-stroke), Fong Chung-U (breast-stroke) and Tsang Cheung-ming (free-style).

120 yards Medley Relay (Ladies):—Miss I. Lopes (back-stroke), Miss Y. Yollo (breast-stroke) and Miss V. Churn (free-style); Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (back-stroke), Miss Ng Wun-ying (breast-stroke) and Miss Ko Mul-ling (free-style).

100 yards Back-Stroke:—A. K. Rumjahn and A. Lopes; Lau Yiu-ting and Poon Wing-kai.

100 yards Breast-Stroke:—E. M. Marques and J. Marques; Fong Chung-U and Tam Sik-chuen.

150 yards Four-men Free-Style Relay:—D. H. Taylor, Silva-Netto, L. M. Remedios and A. J. Hassan; Fong Wah, Poon Wing-kai, Chan Chun-nam and Tsang Cheung-ming.

Royals' Gala

Royal Scots will hold an informal gala this evening at 7.30 p.m. in the new Army swimming pool at Victoria Barracks. Eight teams will participate in a five-a-side knock-out water-polo tournament, an innovation for the Colony.

The teams participating are Royal Air Force (Kai Tak), H.M.S. Thracian, 8th Heavy Regt. R.A. (two teams), Middlesex Regt., Royal Corps of Signals, European Y.M.C.A. and Royal Scots.

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A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
L. Jack and A. E. Perry (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
K. M. Wong and C. F. Tse (C.R.C. "B")	3	2	1
G. Singh and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2	1
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. T. Chau and T. C. Yuen (C.R.C. "A")	3	2	1
E. Zimmern and H. Hung (C.C.C.)	3	2	1
M. Moondhar and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
W. C. Choy and N. C. Tang (C.R.C. "A")	3	2	1
A. Semmelmann and K. O. Morsey (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
L. F. Hon and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B")	3	2	1
E. Bull and M. Dunne (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
S. A. R. Bux and M. Moondhar (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
E. Gillard and T. Kevan (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
S. R. Salleh and A. R. Azan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2	1
C. W. Cheng and T. L. Liu (C.R.C. "B")	3	2	1
J. Cho and Z. T. Sien (Filipino Club)	3	2	1
M. Singh and A. Razan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
M. C. Hung and A. Hung (C.C.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
M. H. Hassan and M. I. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.)	3	0 1/2	1 1/2

COLLINS BEATEN ON POINTS

Len Collins, former Hong Kong boxer, who is now in Manila, was beaten last Thursday in a bout for the lightweight championship of the Orient, by B. de Guzman.

Guzman won on points over 10 rounds. The "Manila Bulletin" said that Collins was the fresher of the two men at the end of the fight and if he had had anything like a decisive punch, would have won via the knock-out route.

"D" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are "D" Division League tennis pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
K. Sung and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.)	12	1/2	11 1/2
K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.)	12	2	10
T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau (C.R.C. "A")	9	1	8
Y. Y. Lam and S. Cheung (C.R.C. "B")	9	1	8
A. Banker and L. Souza (Filipino Club)	15	7	8
C. S. Wong and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.)	8	0	8
K. I. Chan and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.)	6	0	6
G. Gillard and E. Ey-mard (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
P. H. Chiu and K. N. Lee (C.R.C. "A")	6	1	5
K. C. Ip and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.)	6	1	5
Au Kam-moon and Lee Chee-man (C.C.C.)	8	3	5
I. Kitchell and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	12	7	5
C. S. Wong and C. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	6	1 1/2	4 1/2
M. A. Wahab and K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	12	7 1/2	4 1/2
S. R. Salleh and M. Ram-zan (K.I.T.C.)	12	7 1/2	4 1/2
S. A. R. Bux and K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	6	2	4
C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	9	5	4
Gonzales and Kwan (Filipino Club)	3	0	3
P. H. Chiu and W. C. Choy (C.R.C. "A")	3	0	3
Y. Y. Lam and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B")	3	0	3
K. C. Ip and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
M. Ramzan and Jehan Dad (K.I.T.C.)	3	0	3
K. T. Ng and K. I. Chan (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
H. A. Ribeiro and F. Gonzalez (Filipino Club)	9	6	3
C. W. Chu and C. N. Chang (C.R.C. "B")	6	3 1/2	2 1/2
C. Wei and K. N. Li (C.R.C. "A")	3	1/2	2 1/2
C. Y. Tse and Y. Chan (C.R.C. "B")	3	1/2	2 1/2
N. Leonard and A. Hung (C.C.C.)	2	0	2
T. F. Lo and P. F. Choy (C.R.C. "A")	2	0	2
T. C. Chiu and W. C. Choy (C.R.C. "A")	2	0	2
Y. Y. Lam and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
Y. Chan and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
L. Hon and K. M. Wong (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
Jahan Dad and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	3	1	2
A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
M. C. Hung and T. C. Yu (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
Hidelfonso and Sien (Filipino Club)	3	1	2
C. Y. Tse and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
S. Leonard and T. C. Yu (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
K. M. Wong and J. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
R. D. Crabb and G. Gillard (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. W. Crabb and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	9	7	2
F. Olorio and G. Souza (C.C.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
L. Llewellyn and A. E. Perry (K.C.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
A. B. Hamson and H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	1	0	1
S. T. Chan and K. N. Lee (C.R.C. "A")	2	1	1
I. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	3	2	1

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LEARNING TO SWIM

The Side Stroke

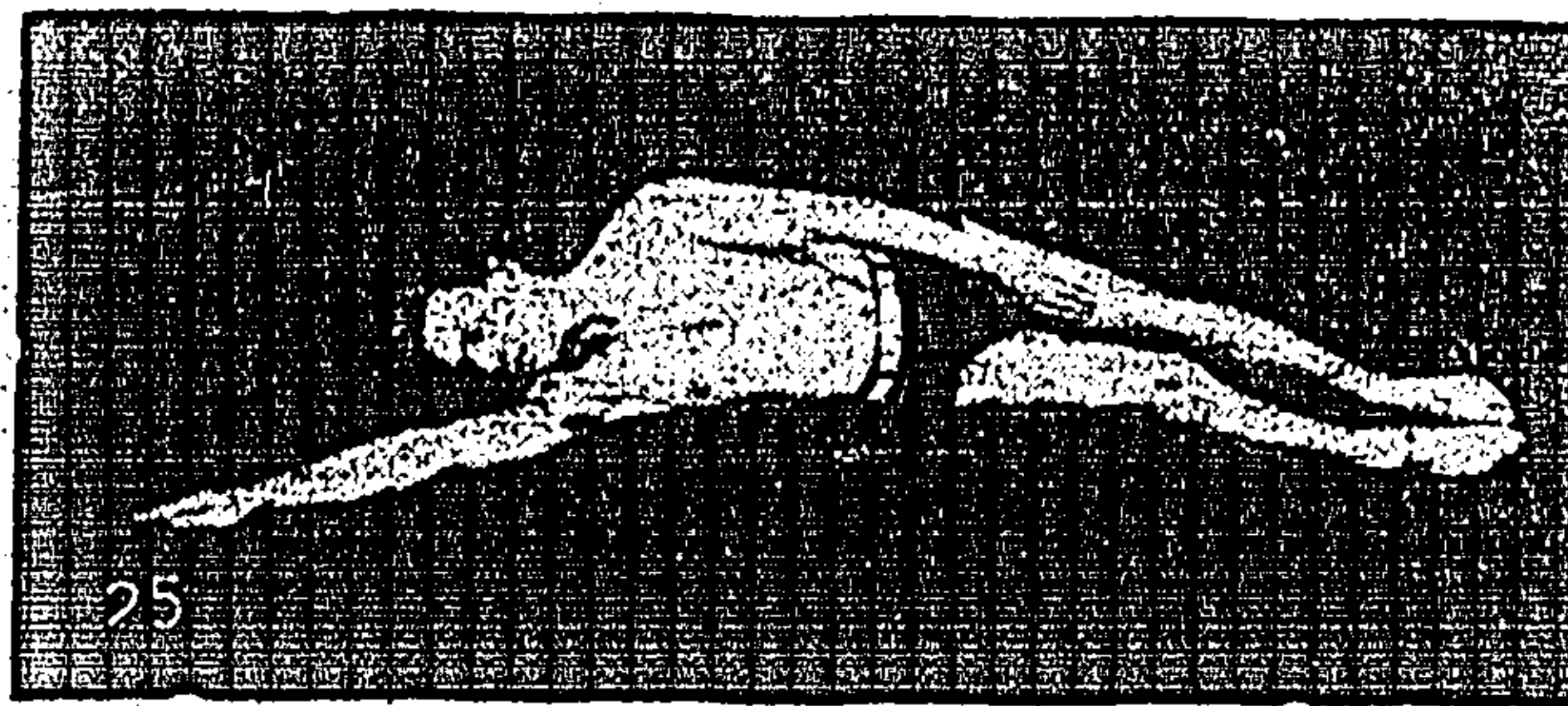
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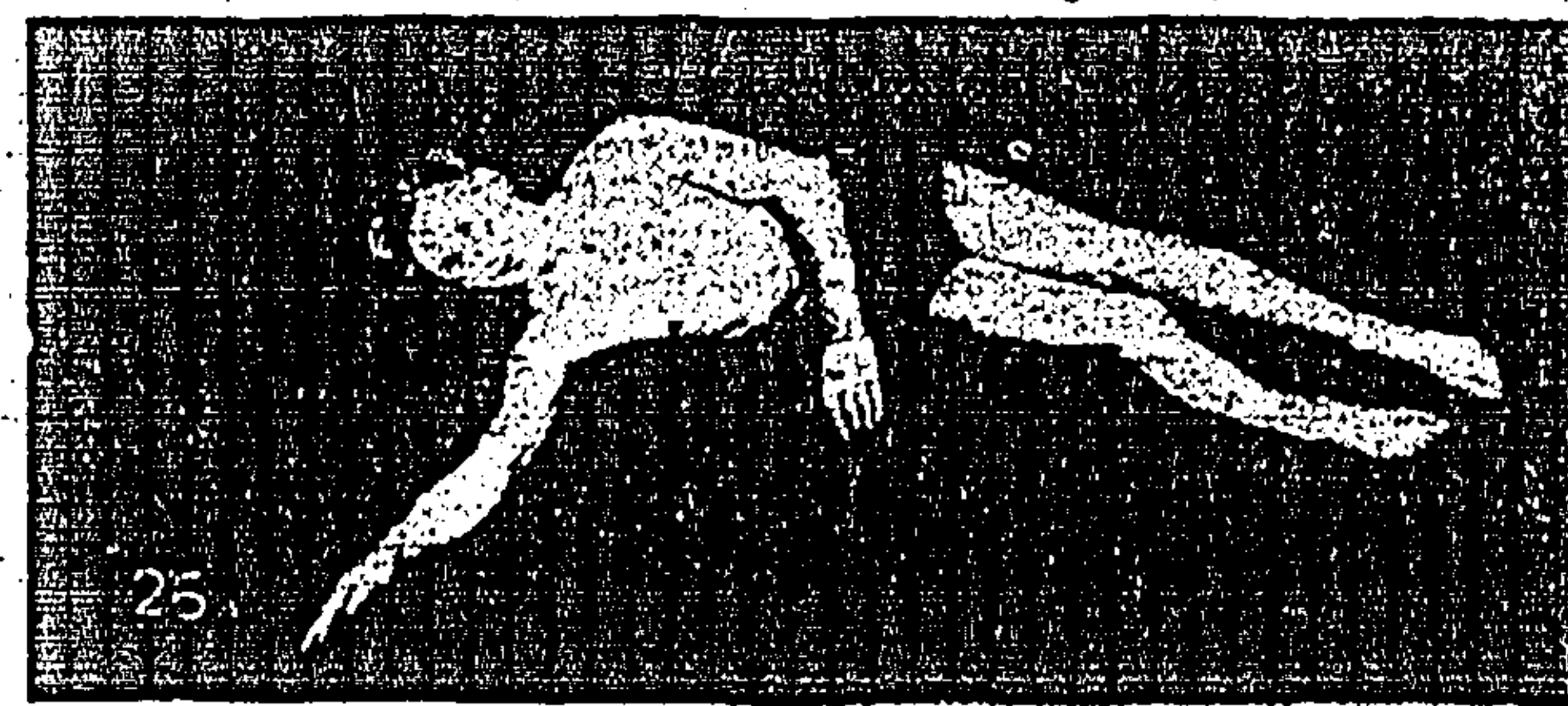
(This is the ninth of a series of 12 articles which appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor.")

"THE SIDE STROKE is an old stroke, far slower than the crawl, back crawl, or even the breast-stroke, yet still remarkably popular. Swum in a comfortable position on the side without straining the muscles or moving the limbs rapidly and with a luxuriously long glide, it is probably the least strenuous of all."

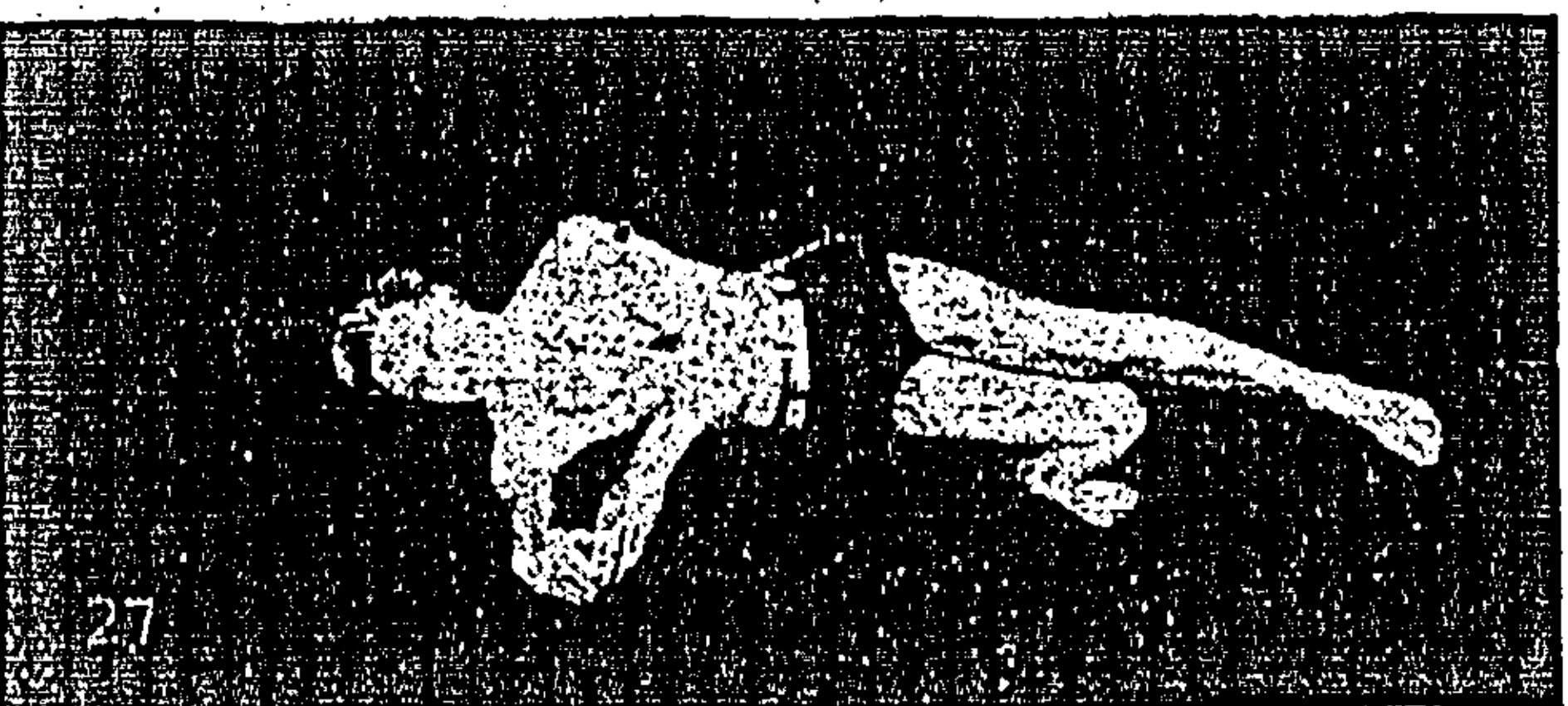
A breast-stroker swimming in rough water may instinctively turn his head to the side so that breathing will be easier. If he does this for long, it will gradually affect his stroke until eventually he will be swimming what is known as the side stroke. Indeed, the side stroke may have been developed in this way, for the two strokes are of the same type. The side stroke has, for example, the same glide at the completion of each stroke (see figure 25) as does its fellow, and this glide marks the beginning and end of each cycle of a single stroke and kick.



Although it will not bring admiring gasps from spectators, the side stroke has a logical place in every person's swimming equipment because of its general usefulness. It is a good rough water stroke, permitting the swimmer to face away from the waves and chop and thus avoid unexpected "mouthfuls." Although the position of the body—on the side—seems less natural than the other swimming positions, it is not difficult to assume while swimming and it involves no strain on the body or the neck. Its famous scissor kick makes it an extremely valuable adjunct to lifesaving work.



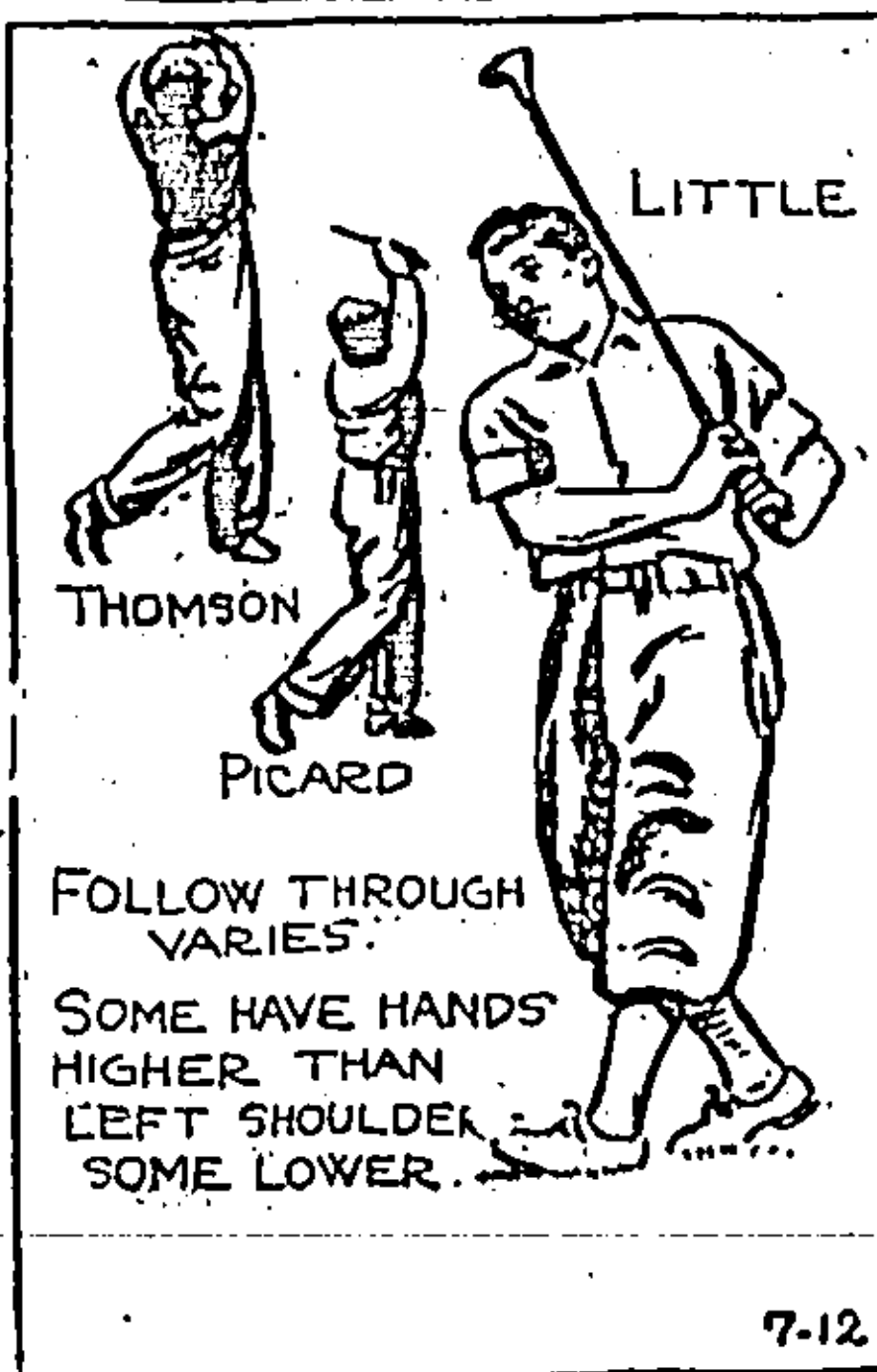
Having pushed off in a prone or glide position, arms and legs extended as in the breast-stroke, the swimmer can pull one arm back to the hip, simultaneously rolling onto his side into position 25. The forward arm then makes a short pull to a point below the shoulder as in 26. This pull enables the arm, the one on the hip, to be slipped forward and the legs to be drawn up until 27 is assumed.



Here, the legs are cocked ready for the kick, the upper or rear leg at full extension. This is not a squeeze nor wholly a thrust kick, but a combination of both. The pulled back to the hip again, the swimmer should begin the leg drive relatively slowly, putting his greatest pressure on as they are fully extended, then allowing them to relax and swing together as in Figure 25.

The side stroke can be speeded up by recovering the rear or upper arm through the air; in figure 26, for example, it would be above water, entering forward of the head before coming opposite the other arm in position 27. The scissor kick is like the breast-stroke kick, an effective way of enabling the legs to "grip" the water and drive the body forward. The knees are bent and the legs drawn up, on the side, from which point they press backward until brought together at full extension. As in the

GRAPHIC GOLF



FOLLOW THROUGH VARIES. SOME HAVE HANDS HIGHER THAN LEFT SHOULDER, SOME LOWER.

NIGHT PUTTING

By BEST BALL

Golf practice to be beneficial should be made as interesting as possible. And as practice is essential to skill, the successful player to-day must keep at the game continually. With great numbers of players on the links from dawn to dusk, the player who aspires to championship heights but lacks these hours of practice is handicapped. For instance Byron Nelson, 1939 U.S. Champion, was handicapped in just this way as a youth. True he served a short apprenticeship as a caddy, he played quite a bit as a youngster but when the time came for him to really get down to work at the game, if he expected to make a champion of himself, he found he had to hold down a job from 9 to 5, like the majority of just average golfers to-day.

Nelson's aspirations might have perished then and there if a "potential champion's" driving force had not compelled him to keep on. So the youthful Texan budgeted his time, for golf alone after working hours. Each weekday P.M. would find him driving out tee shots, then long irons and, as the shadows grew longer, short approaches. Nelson's salary didn't permit of many lost balls. When it became too dark to loft the ball, he practised putting by placing a white handkerchief over the cup. The novelty of the idea plus a great deal of hard work had the desired result. While Nelson's idea might not start a new putting vogue, golf widows seeking their husbands late at night, might give a thought to the suggestion.

NEXT ARTICLE—The Finish.

Catcher Reveals How He Curbs Then Cures Feller's Wildness Tells Pitching Star To Keep His Eye On The Bat

Famous Battery Of Youth And Veteran

ROLLY HEMSLEY, REVEALS how he first curbed and then cured Bob Feller's wildness with the simplest of pitching suggestions, writes Harry Grayson from St. Louis, U.S.

When the now famous baseball battery-mates—the kid, and the veteran—first were brought together on a barnstorming tour in the fall of 1937, Hemsley immediately noticed that Feller looked at the ground before pitching.

"Keep your eye on the target," much more formidable than he is but Hemsley points out that Bob. Never take it off," Hemsley told the youngster. "With your stuff all you have to do is get the ball over the plate. Just try to hit my glove."

The two have practically been playing catch ever since.

It was the pitching knowledge the then 19-year-old Feller absorbed on that barnstorming trip that led him to tell Cyril C. Slapnicka that Hemsley was the best catcher to whom he had ever pitched and to suggest the Cleveland club make a deal for the one-time coal miner.

Hemsley Says Feller Will Be Even Better

Feller's influence had as much to do with Hemsley's reformation as any other one thing. The faith which the upstanding farm boy showed in Hemsley did what abuse and neglect couldn't do in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

Hemsley, proud of having had a hand in the development of Feller, speaks of the strike-out king with the pride of a parent.

"He's as fine a boy as he is a pitcher," beams the 33-year-old backstop. "And he's going to be an even better pitcher."

It is difficult to imagine Feller

Rapid Robert has yet to develop anything like a slider or knuckle ball.

Tries To Catch With Hand In Leather Cast

Hemsley has been out with a bruise on the butt of his left hand. It was not caused by Feller's cannon balls, as you might suspect, but is the result of the Old Rollicker falling over Jimmy Foxx in going to first base.

Hemsley, who until he straightened out, didn't care if he ever caught, is now trying to catch with the hand in a leather cast.

That is how proud Rolly Hemsley is of being the battery-mate of and the man to whom baseball's greatest pitcher listens for pitching advice.

PATTY BERG CONSIDERS TURNING PROFESSIONAL

Patty Berg, the erstwhile little "freckle-faced, red-haired school girl" marvel of the links, recently considered an offer to become a "business woman golfer."

L. B. Icely, president of a Chicago sporting goods concern, announced that he had been negotiating with the former national women's champion concerning a

Pastor's Bout With Conn Postponed

The heavyweight fight between Bob Pastor and Billy Conn, which was to have been held outdoors in New York on August 13, was postponed because of rain. Mike Jacobs, promoter, announced the fight would be staged on September 1 in Madison Square Garden. Pastor had weighed in at 182 pounds, while Conn tipped the beam at 175½.—United Press.

position "of an educational nature" with his company, and that the Minneapolis star would come to Chicago to discuss the proposal to turn professional.

WOMAN IN BIG CAR RACE

The first woman driver to participate in a major automobile race on the American Pacific coast was signed recently to pilot a car in Portland's third annual stock car classic.

Virta Warrens, pretty young Portland business woman, turned her official entry blank over to Bobby Rowe, sponsor of the event, indicating that she will compete with some 25 of the coast's well-known race pilots for one of the biggest first spot purses ever offered in the north-west. Although as a spectator the odour of "castor" is not new to Mrs. Warrens, Rowe had her driving technique examined last week under the expert eye of Mel Kenealy, one of the coast's top flight race drivers, before accepting her application. Kenealy gave her an "A" rating, but further tests are in the offing before a definite make of car is assigned her for the event.

Follows Big Cars

Mrs. Warren long has been an enthusiast for automobile racing, following "big" car races for years. When midgits were introduced to Portland fans some five years ago she was one of the first to further their development and she was the registered owner of car No. 23, which carried Jimmy Miller to midgit championship in 1937.

"The entrance of Mrs. Warrens into the third annual stock car classic will add a new note to automobile racing in the north-west," Rowe commented. "This is to be a strictly stock car race, over a smooth dustless track, and inasmuch as thousands of the fair sex drive under similar conditions every day we thought they should have representation."

C.B.A. WITHDRAW FURTHER TEAM

The Hon. Secretary of the Lawn Tennis League announces that Central British Association has withdrawn from "C" Division.

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WOMEN ARRESTED IN YAUMATI

Police officers under Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin carried out a surprise raid yesterday morning in the Yaumati district, arresting two women and rescuing three children.

The visit was paid to the first floor of No. 68, Temple Street, following the receipt of information that a number of children were kept on the premises.

The women, Li Mui, 42, and her 19-year-old daughter, Leung Wing, as well as the children, two 13-year-old girls and one three-year-old girl, were all taken to the S.C.A. immediately after the raid for further investigation.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., who took up the investigation was, however, unable to find "kidnapping" evidence against the arrested women.

The facts were disclosed before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Inspector Fraser prosecuted both women for failing to report the bringing in of Wards into the Colony.

The older woman, charged with bringing the two 13-year-old girls, was fined \$50 while her daughter, charged with bringing the 3-year-old girl, was fined \$20.

Inspector Fraser said it was a very suspicious case. They claimed that the girls were presented to them in Canton by their parents owing to poverty.

The younger woman who claimed that she adopted the girl as a daughter, was closely questioned by the Magistrate about the reason for an adoption since she was very young and living with her husband. However, she refused to disclose the reason for the adoption.

The three girls were ordered to be entrusted to the care of the S.C.A.

RUMANIA RETURNS 1912 DOBRUDJA LINE TO BULGARIA

GESTAPO ROUND-UP IN NORWAY

The Gestapo (Nazi secret police) carried out a round-up of Communists throughout Norway a few days ago, according to news received by the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

Those arrested include most of the Communist Party and a number of leading journalists, including Christian Hilt, who was also manager of the Soviet Travel Bureau in Norway. —Reuter.

AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED YESTERDAY BETWEEN BULGARIA AND RUMANIA REGARDING THE DOBRUDJA TERRITORY, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM BUCHAREST, THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL.

The agreement, which was reached at Craiova, fixes the new frontiers on the 1912 line. Territory ceded by Rumania to Bulgaria comprises the two provinces of Durastor and Caliacra. It includes Balchik.

The heart of Queen Marie of Rumania, which was preserved in the Chapel of the Royal Palace at Balchik, has already been removed.

Bulgarian troops are already near the Dobrudja frontier ready to occupy the new territory as soon as the final agreement is signed.

The provinces will be occupied in three hours and a Bulgarian administration will be installed to prevent incidents.

Negotiations continue concerning technical difficulties regarding the exchange of population and method of compensating. These are likely to take a fortnight.

Bulgarian Stand

It is understood Rumania requested rectifications of the line is a symbolical gesture in her favour but the Bulgarians refused.

The agreement provides that Bulgaria will repatriate not only all Rumanians in the Dobrudja but those in Bulgaria who are estimated to number 50,000. —Reuter.

Hungary Not So Happy

M. Hory, head of the Hungarian delegation, returned to Turnu-Severin yesterday to try and continue the negotiations with the Rumanians.

The disparity between the two sets of proposals, however, is so great that no solution is believed possible without German intervention.

Well-informed observers in Budapest think such intervention will probably take the form of informal pressure behind the scenes in both capitals. —Reuter.

R.A.F. OFFENSIVE IN ABYSSINIA

An R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo says: "Simultaneous offensive reconnaissance flights were made over Italian aerodromes in Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland on August 19 by squadrons of the South African Air Force.

Bombs fell near a wireless station at Mega and buildings were damaged at Nechelli, Caproni aircraft on the ground at Yavello were hit and three direct hits made on a storehouse at Afmadu.

On Tuesday our bombers attacked hangars and the railway station at Direddawa. All bombs fell in the target area and there was a direct hit on the hangar. One of our aircraft failed to return.

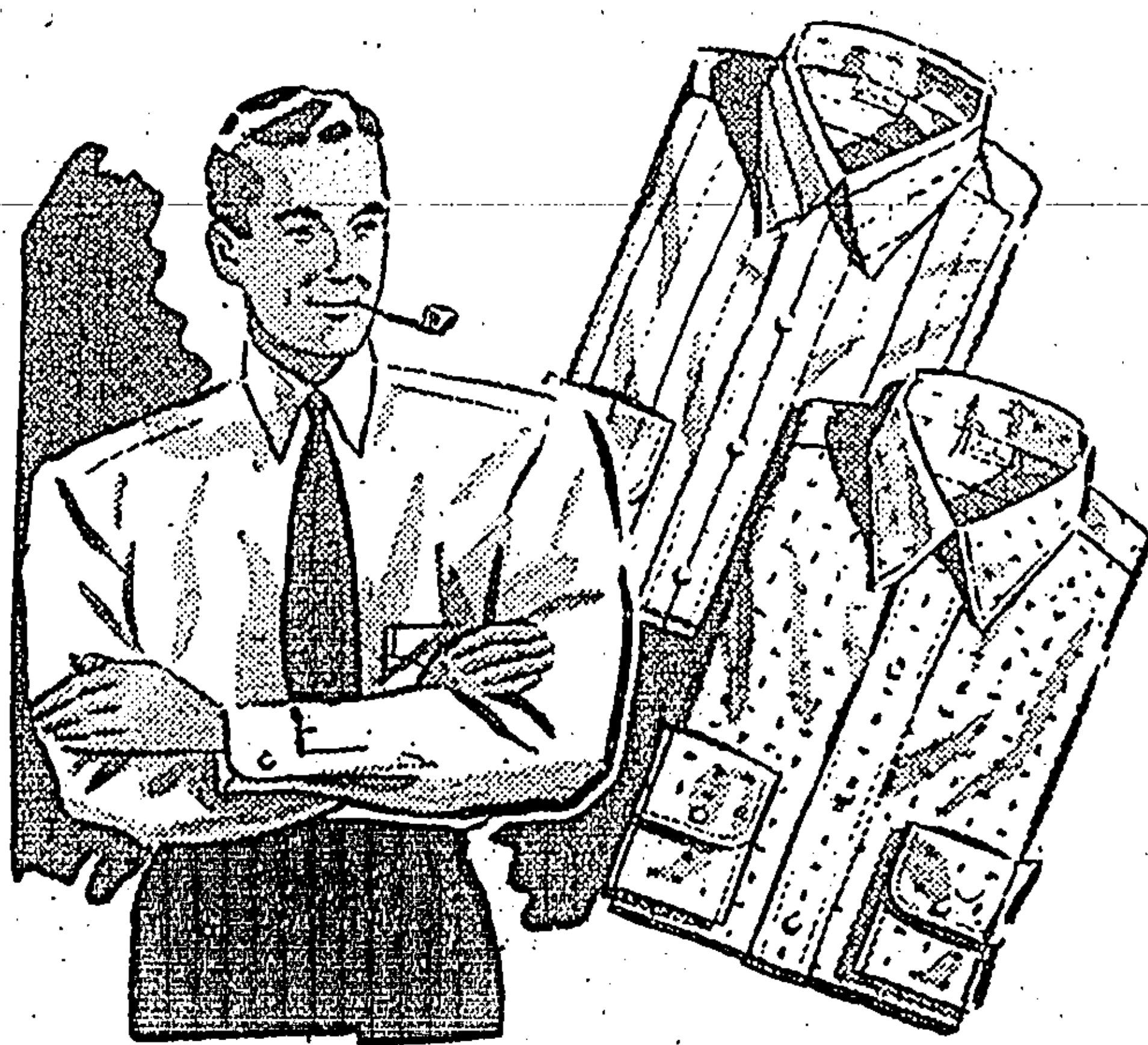
An attack was made on the aerodrome at Dessie and buildings in the compound were hit.

At Kassala our bombers carried out a low level attack on railway buildings and the track. French pilots operating with the R.A.F. made extensive reconnaissance flights over British Somaliland. Places visited included Berbera, Odwina, Hargeisa and Zeila.

Ten enemy bombers escorted by fighters made a raid on Malta. Our fighters went up and dispersed the enemy. —British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

A military communique issued in Chungking claims that three Chinese planes carried out a raid on Ichang on Tuesday, destroying a Japanese arms depot which was afire when the planes left the place. — Our Own Correspondent.



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FAMOUS MEN ON RETIRED LIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FAMOUS NAMES APPEAR IN THE LIST OF 150 FRENCH GENERALS RETIRED BY THE PE-TAIN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY. THEY INCLUDE:—

General Colson, Under-Secretary for War;

General Nogues, Resident-General in Morocco;

General Georges, former Chief of Staff;

General Blanchard and General Prioux, who covered themselves with a glory at Dunkirk;

General Touchon, who stopped the Germans on the Somme, and

Generals Conde, Besson and Bouret, who commanded the troops who bore the first brunt of the German attack in northern France. — Havas.

INTERNEE CAUGHT AFTER 3 MONTHS

After three months of freedom since his escape from Argyle Street Internees' Camp on May 19, a Chinese ex-soldier, Li Kah-hing, aged 26, was re-arrested yesterday.

He was taken into custody by an Indian constable in Yee Tak Road.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, charged with escaping, he was remanded for 48 hours.

Sub-Inspector Tyler is in charge of the case.

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